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Department pumped about addition

New ladder truck cost \$477,673

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By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

No fire will be out of reach for the Granite City Fire Department. Fire Chief Keith Talley and members of the department unveiled the new aerial ladder truck, purchased through a combination of city and Madison County funds.

"It's a beautiful piece of equipment," Talley told the City Council Tuesday night. "It is a monster."

He invited council members to Fire Station No. 1 for a demonstration and thanked members and city officials for supporting its purchase.

"The people of this city should be proud of it," said Alderman Mac Warfield, who chairs the Fire, Water and Ambulance Committee. Talley also had thanks for the

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Keith Talley
Fire chief

U.S. Army — both for lending its assistance with the base's aerial ladder and also for allowing the department to train on the new truck at the Melvin Price Support Center.

The truck cost \$477,673, which came partly from Granite City revenues and the balance from county Community Development Block Grant funds. The City Council authorized the purchase last year when Talley reported the old 1967 model aerial truck was past its prime. He favored

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SCOTT KELLY / Press-Record

The Granite City Fire Department's latest addition, a brand new aerial ladder truck, rolls out of station No. 1 on Madison Avenue Monday.

Runoff causing flood of problems

By Jason White
Staff writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a Press-Record series examining area flooding problems.

Since 1996, local, state and federal agencies have poured millions of dollars into the drainage ditch system in the American Bottoms area.

But an expert says the work doesn't solve the long-term problem: increased runoff from development in communities above the Bottoms.

The National Resource Conservation Service is coordinating efforts by government agencies to make \$10 million in improvements to a previously neglected drainage system that periodically floods during heavy rains.

"Our observations are that the ditches are handling the flow (now) much better than they did," said Joe Effertz, an engineer with the Metro East Sanitary District.

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SCOTT KELLY / Press-record

A good portion of Pine Street just east of Maryville Road disappeared under water because of heavy rains the morning of July 30. Many parts of the Quad-Cities area are prone to flooding from stormwater runoff.

Explosion injures 2

By Scott Mandrell
Staff writer

At approximately 9 p.m. Wednesday, the Granite City Fire Department received a number of reports of a house fire in the 1400 block of Grand Ave., on the city's south side.

After an apparent explosion, the house was engulfed in flames and was predicted to be a total loss, according to the fire department.

Don Simon, shift commander for the department, reported that the brick structure was seriously damaged. "It wasn't safe to send anyone in," he said. "They (the victims) were near one of the collapsed walls, so no rescue operation was needed."

The two victims of the blast, both in their seventies, were transported

to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center where they received treatment. "They're in stable condition," said Brenda Weston, a registered nurse and house supervisor for St. Elizabeth's. "They are both alert and talking."

"The male has burns over about 15 percent of his body," said Weston. "He is being evaluated and may need to be transported to another hospital," she said.

Weston reported that the female was not burned, but would be kept for observation overnight.

At the time the Press-Record went to press, the cause of the explosion had not been determined. "It's under investigation by Illinois Power," Simon said. According to Simon, the fire resulting from the explosion was quickly brought under control and no firemen were injured.

Native named to Council on Aging

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

When Vasil Eftimoff was asked to submit his resume to Gov. Jim Edgar, he was surprised when he found himself a member of the Governor's Council on Aging.

Edgar named Eftimoff, a Granite City native, to the council earlier this year.

The Council on Aging is a state body that coordinates state agencies serving older residents and looks

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Bonds may require surrender of control

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The city of Venice is proceeding with plans to issue new bonds for the McKinley Bridge, but Mayor Tyrone Echols said the city would give up control of the bridge only as a last resort.

At Tuesday's meeting, City Attorney Casper Nighohossian was

Giving up bridge is last resort, mayor says

instructed to have a bond indenture resolution prepared by the next meeting.

The resolution is necessary for the city to recover costs of a proposed traffic study — needed so the bonds could be issued.

Echols recently said the city is con-

sidering borrowing up to \$15 million to pay off outstanding bond debt on the McKinley Bridge and make additional improvements.

That money would be in addition to about \$11 million in state and federal funds earmarked for bridge repairs over the next five years.

By refinancing and combining with state and federal funds, the city could do approximately \$20 million in renovations.

About \$4.3 million in outstanding bonds will come due on Oct. 1. Bridge officials have said previously that because of increased spending on repairs, there is no way they can

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Residency requirement compounds bridge headaches

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Questions about residency for bridge workers led to heated discussions at Tuesday's Venice City Council meeting.

The city has had ongoing problems with residency of bridge employees.

City ordinances require workers to live within the city, and the council has taken action to ensure employees

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are residents — including an amnesty period some time back to allow workers to correct the problems — but several council members complained that not enough was being done.

Alderman Harold Wilson, chairman of the Bridge Committee, told the council that the committee voted to

"We need to fire them. I'm sick and tired of hearing about it."

Victor Valentine
Alderman

require proof of residency as a condition of employment.

He also said that although there

have been numerous complaints that

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Ban cheap shots when criticizing judicial system

By William Sessions
Lately it seems there have been a spate of media attacks on judges voiced by people who criticize the judicial system to make their own political statements. Many well-known politicians blame judges for the ills of society. Why? Because judges are easy targets, often because they do their difficult job of resolving disputes fairly and impartially in full view of the public. We all know that when lawsuits are tried in the court, there are happy winners and unhappy losers. Often these losers claim their "loss" was the result of the judge's political views.

Many of these criticisms avoid the real issue which should be carefully examined, and become unfair, often harsh, criticisms. We sometimes call these accusations "cheap shots." In today's charged political atmosphere, a judge is unfairly criticized because the accuser has focused on a single political issue and does not like a decision the judge has made. Many times, these judicial decisions have been made when the judge is called on to interpret vague provisions of laws enacted by Congress and state legislatures, and the critic disagrees with the interpretation given to the vague law by the judge.

The American public is not to be trifled with when it comes to unfair criticism. They can see through the objective of the critic. Americans, nationwide, trust the courts, understanding that the founding fathers set up a system of "checks and balances" in order to assure that there would be a non-political branch in our government to balance the power of the political branches. The judge and the executive. In doing so they acknowledged that the judicial system would be particularly vulnerable to political attacks from critics inside the government and outside. The founding fathers were confident that the judicial system could and would survive and flourish.

The power of the state and federal courts, established by constitutions, has earned the respect and support of Americans who understand that many difficult and controversial matters must be decided in a politically impartial manner. The decisions are often naturally controversial because the legal principles upon which they are made flow directly from the constitutions themselves, and the support is written in order to survive politically turbulent times. The American people understand that our system of democratic governance, with its independent courts, is much admired around the world, and many emerging democracies are modeling their court systems after our system.

Public servants, including judges, should not be above criticism. Their decisions should be analyzed, within the judicial system and without, to ensure fairness and impartiality. Judges' conduct should faithfully and invariably be guided by the requirements of ethics and those of the law. A judge's work product should always be professional and accessible.

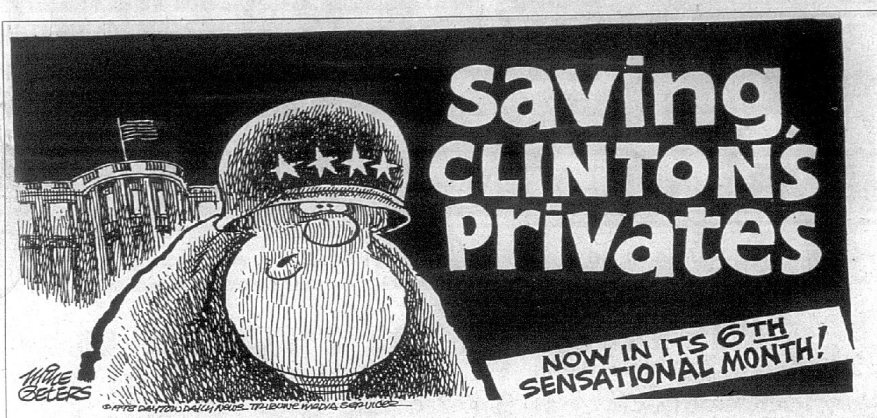
Criticisms should be freely expressed by citizens who disagree and dissent and have opinions of their own to express. But, criticism should be based on the actual facts and fairly address the true issues. Oftentimes the attack is blatant political posturing based on misrepresentation of fact. America has about 50,000 federal, state and local trial and appellate judges. The judiciary becomes involved in a case only because there is an actual dispute and a lawsuit results. Unlike the legislative and executive branches of government, judges in all situations must make a decision disposing of the dispute. We rarely hear about the millions of cases where the litigants are satisfied with the result and society's best interests are served.

Judges do not work in a vacuum. There are a number of systemic checks over judges that guarantee the correctness of decisions and the integrity of our constitutional system. The judicial disciplinary processes, both state and federal, function to ensure that judges act in accordance with existing legal and ethical standards. The judicial selection and tenure processes provide other effective accountability of the judges to the citizens. The characterization of a judge as "stupid" or the decision of a judge as "stupid" seems most often to relate to a decision in a particular case with which critics disagree. So if a critic favors the death penalty, then any other decision draws the anger of the critic and a harsh and unfair description of the judge. A judge's responsibility is to handle all phases of the court's business, including trial, in a fair and impartial fashion. Judges must be guided, not by political partisanship, but by the law and Constitution. We should demand nothing less. Our responsibility as citizens in evaluating and critiquing a judge's performance should be equally objective. Has the judge, in a fair and impartial fashion, dealt with the legal issues before the court in a competent and professional fashion? If not, then criticism is appropriate and the judge should expect to answer for conduct which did not meet society's standards.

William Sessions is chairman of American Bar Association's Special Committee on Judicial Independence.

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Do you think there are enough drug programs in America today?



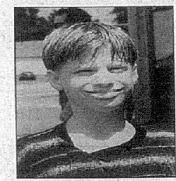
"No. There are way too many drugs going on now. If we had more programs, maybe we could stop drugs by the year 2000."
Natalie Koehler, 12 Student



"No. I think we need more. There are so many kinds of drugs."
Matt Stanley, 7 Student



"We can never have enough drug programs because it's so widespread. We need a whole bunch of programs to 'Kick Drugs out of America.'"
Justin Kerber, 15 Student



"No. I haven't seen other programs except DARE and Chuck Norris." **Robin Kerber, 11 Student**



"If we had more, it would help a little. Some kids don't even pay attention to the programs. If they did, maybe there would be less addiction." **Alex Kerber, 13 Student**

Photos and interviews by Shirley Valencia

SOUND OFF

To call the Journal "Sound Off!" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

Bothered by skateboarding

In reference to a recent column, "Skateboarders are people, too," may I say no one is disputing the fact they are people. The problem comes in when they show up on our parking lots, city sidewalks and parking in downtown Collinsville while merchants are trying to do business and customers are trying to maneuver around them to get into parking lots. Harmless you say? Check out the sidewalk across the street from the police station that runs alongside the church. Brand new last year, it is now showing telltale scuff marks, chips from their boards. Will they spend their hard-earned lawn mower money to repair the damage? Instead of defining trespassing and violation of city ordinances, we should encourage them to save their money and buy a lot of their own. And then, assuming they don't bother any of their neighbors, they will no longer be harassed.

Bugged about unkempt lot

I think the Granite City park department did a wonderful job with the Fourth of July fireworks. Only they knew several weeks before they were having it at the Coolidge Junior High School, and they could have mowed the grass and sprayed for mosquitoes. Let's try mowing and spraying next year.

Police the trash

My subject is the enforcement of ordinances as it deals with the accumulation of trash on public or private property. At the present time, this is the responsibility of the mayor, using his city inspector as his enforcer. By now, every alderman should admit that we as a community need a change. After serious discussion, I and others feel that the enforcement of any trash ordinance should be assigned to our police department. Patrolling the city is one of the police department's routines. The police are also accustomed to enforcing city ordinances and writing citations without fear of any ballot box count.

Weekend visitors spoil appeal of trip

So, what's new? For me, not a whole lot except 10 days of peace and tranquility (for the most part) in northern Michigan. An annual trek for the past 14 years, though somewhat later in July than usual. When I checked in, owner Rusty Gates said same old, same old, except for his rapidly receding hairline, but checked for myself before deciding he was right. The river, as clear and swift as ever, was surrounded by ever shade of green known to man. Lawns immaculate. Julie, Rusty's wife, as pretty as ever. Walleye and lake perch so delicious I pigged out, as I always do.

Holly, the resident golden retriever still intent on luring guests to throw something, anything into the river for her to fetch, though there's been a slight change there. Rusty now has tennis balls on hand, instead of wean her away from fetching (and chewing upon) rocks.

Rusty's report is it's been a good season for both rainbow and brown trout and that efforts to re-establish brookies in the river is meeting with limited success. It's true, since I witnessed two 12-inchers caught within yards of his dock, the first time ever I've



Carol Clarkin

seen brook trout caught in the Au Sable.

Finally took time to check out the Board Room, which was the last year when Rusty added a second story to his storage building. Large, modern with bar and kitchenette (it's BYOB, of course, since the lodge has no license), it has a unisex john and walls lined with bar shelves which appear to contain every book ever written about trout fishing, fly-tying, rivers and streams, birds and ecology.

The only thing new this year was the bench on Rusty's dock. It was immediately noticeable — a truly beautiful bench with a small bronze plaque on the back informing that it is a gift in memory of Ben Myler, "passionate angler, an artist with a fly rod," with

a tiny fly lodged behind the bronze.

The first five days were wonderfully serene. On Saturday, all hell broke loose.

I had forgotten the canoeists. On summer weekends, there are always a few, mid-morning until late afternoon, but for the most part they're quiet and know what they're doing. Kayakers are becoming gradually more popular but those who choose them appear to be quite skillful, know the river, and bent on speed.

Saturday's vacationing canoeists are something else and they start early. Literally hundreds of them, all day long. Too many of them loud, intrusive, boisterous, frequently drunk and unskilled.

There's a small grass-filled island mid-river at Rusty's and invariably the amateurs choose the wrong, shorter side to negotiate a very low-hanging tree branch. They overturn their canoes, collide with each other, and discard their cans and bottles.

To make matters worse, Saturday night was the 51st running of the Au Sable Canoe Marathon, which begins at 9 p.m. in Grayling and continues 120 miles downstream to Oscoda, usually finishing about

noon Sunday.

These canoeists are pros — almost noiseless and fast. Fifty-six teams entered this year and 17 of them dropped out during the race owing to cold or accidents.

They're quiet, but their fans are not. That night several hundred of them packed the campsite, becoming gradually away from Rusty's — shouting, cheering, and tossing beer cans into the river. It was the same situation at Burton's Landing, Wakefield bridge and as far downstream as a portage south of Grayling.

Rusty is currently engaged in an attempt to get the city to impose a modest tax on the canoe rental businesses in town with the money to be used to help pay for the post-weekend cleanup of debris left in the river by their customers.

He isn't optimistic, however, since he's never exactly been the poster boy for the local chamber, but I have faith in him. He's succeeded in keeping more than three miles of the river catch-and-release and since he has clout with trout fishers, he may yet convince the town not to bite the hands of those who have been feeding it for years.

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School board considers new GCHS softball field

By Larry Ingram
Correspondent

An estimate for a new girls softball field was presented at a recent Granite City School Board meeting.

The cost for the softball field — to be built at the high school — would top \$32,420 with the installation of a new scoreboard.

"The director of building and grounds (Brad Elverson) did some surveying and put some cost figures together," said Superintendent Dr. Steve Balen.

The girls high school softball team currently uses a Wilson Park diamond directly across the street from the high school.

"In terms of planning, put this in terms of a set of priorities and let the board decide," said Balen.

"Where does it rank against the new purchase of drivers ed cars? Do we need a softball field for the girls?" he said. "Not immediately. We've got one across the street.

But down the road, do you want to look at that?"

The estimate includes a back stop similar to that on Dal Maxville Field in Wilson Park at a cost of \$13,420; two team dugouts similar to dugouts at the park — installed with voluntary labor — at \$5,000; two 10-row sets of bleachers and concrete pads at \$13,000; and infield grass removal and filling area with bluff dirt, with cost of dirt at \$2,000.

The additional diamond also might require another four manhours of labor to maintain the field during the spring. High school building services currently employs two full-time groundskeepers. The high school also uses the park tennis courts. Wilson Park has access to the high school gymnasium for after-school programs.

The estimate is the result of a request by the girls softball coach and a board member at a previous school board meeting.

Fast food restaurant opens in apt location

MADISON

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Burgers and fries were moving and people were eating, but nobody was paying.

Not anymore.

After a "dry-run" Monday afternoon, the Burger King across from Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza and Gateway International Raceway opened for lunch Tuesday.

On Monday, city officials, workers and others got a chance to check out the new restaurant.

"Today is classified as a dry-run, VIP, preopening," said part-owner Warren Wagner of O'Fallon. "It's an opportunity to get involved with the community, and give our new employees an opportunity to get used to operations."

The restaurant has a racing motif.

"That was designed purposefully for obvious reasons," he said.

When fully operational, the 11.3 million restaurant will employ about 70 people.

For now, the restaurant will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday 6 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

However, Wagner said they could expand the hours of operation.

"We need to study the traffic," he said. "We'll accommodate the traffic and Madison residents will be made for at least a few weeks."

"Everything is completed with the exception of the landscaping outside," Wagner said. "Everything went pretty smooth."

His partner, John Penant-Jones, agreed.

"Except for a little bit of weather problems, it's on schedule," he said. "We were due to open Aug. 4, and we're going to open on the 4th. That's pretty good when you plan a project this big."

Penant-Jones said location is important.

"It's across from the raceway, it's on a major highway, and its next to a truck stop, and there is a scarcity of fast food outlets in this area, so it seems to be something the neighborhood needs," he said.

He added that their restaurant will probably be joined by others soon.

"That's something that Mayor John Hamm is looking forward to."



The Burger King across from Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza and Gateway International Raceway opened for lunch Tuesday.

Scott Cousins / Press-Record

Man charged in stabbing

Police: Attempted murder case 'extremely violent'

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A woman who was severely beaten and stabbed — allegedly by a relative late Sunday evening in Venice — remains in critical condition.

The suspect in the case, Michael Francis Miller, 22, who gave a Collinsville motel as his address, was charged Tuesday with one count of attempted murder. Bond was set at \$500,000.

He was in custody at the Madison County Jail as of

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Wednesday.

Venice police said the incident was reported to them at about midnight Sunday.

According to court documents, the victim was "repeatedly stabbed in the head, neck and back," and beaten.

She was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, then airlifted to a St. Louis area hospital. She was

unconscious as of Wednesday.

The case was investigated by the Illinois State Police Department of Criminal Investigation.

DCI Agent Joseph Bates said the victim and suspect were cousins and had been involved in prior domestic disturbances.

Bates characterized the attack as "extremely violent" and said the victim suffered about nine separate stab wounds.

Police have not determined a motive for the crime.

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District hires finance director

By Larry Ingram
Correspondent

The Granite City School Board has hired a certain public accountant, previously employed by Archer Daniels Midland in Decatur, to serve as finance director for the school district.

The hiring action came at a recent special meeting.

The board interviewed six candidates during an executive session.

Board member John Caudron started the public meeting again by making a motion to hire Kyle McQuaid as the director of finance.

McQuaid started at the position July 22. He will be paid a salary of \$87,701 and will receive an Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund pension.

He fills the void left by the resignation of Gene S. Logas, also a CPA, who accepted a position in Colorado. Logas was director of finance for the district since April 1, 1994.

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Officials urge closing nursing home

Recommendation seeks to keep county's Sheltered Care Home open

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Madison County's Sheltered Care Home would remain open and its nursing home would close under a recommendation sent this week to a state board considering the homes' fate.

The recommendations were forwarded by staff members of the Illinois Department of Public Health to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, which will consider Madison County's request for permits to close both homes in a meeting Aug. 13 in Chicago.

The staff recommendation generally weighs heavily in the board's decision-making process, a state spokesman said.

Supporters of the two homes could only claim partial victory upon hearing the news Tuesday afternoon.

"Hallelujah, and you can quote me on that," Sheltered Care director Donna Marrone said. "I'm sad for the nursing home, but I'm happy for us. This will give us something extra to play about tonight."

Members of the County Homes Action Committee met for a prayer session Tuesday night at the Benjamin Godfrey

Memorial Chapel at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

The grass-roots group has been fighting for the homes since the county's decision in April to close them effective Nov. 30.

Committee member Steve Hoehn of Dorsey said several members plan to rent a bus to take to the Chicago meeting next week. As many as 35 may take part, he said.

The state's 11-page review of the county's application concludes that not enough beds are available to accommodate the developmentally disabled adults who live at the Sheltered Care Home, 333 S. Main St., in Edwardsville.

At the same time, the report says, there are more than enough intermediate care beds in the area to accommodate residents now in the Madison County Nursing Home, 2121 Troy Road.

The report gives five reasons to keep the Sheltered Care Home open, listing them in this order:

The only other facility in Madison County that offers sheltered care was occupied at

100 percent in 1997. That is Burt Shelter Care in Alton. There were 43 patients in the facility (as of May 31) and at most 17 to 20 beds available within a 30-minute drive.

The 17 beds would be significantly reduced when the board's 90 percent target occupancy rate is considered, and only five of those beds would need to be filled before the occupancy reaches 90 percent.

The beds for the adult developmentally disabled patients were already operating at a 94 percent occupancy, which makes them, for all practical purposes, full. Approximately one-third of the residents at the Sheltered Care Home are developmentally disabled, the report said.

The county has not received any commitment from the Department of Human Services to place the adult developmentally disabled patients, which would be required before they could be admitted into other programs.

In summary, it appears that the closure of the 62 sheltered care beds may adversely impact the health care needs of the planning area population

and the discontinuation should be delayed until adequate resources to care for these patients can be developed," the report reads.

County Board Chairman Rudy Papa and Director of Administration James Monday were both unavailable for comment late Tuesday.

The county's application cites the cost of running the homes as the main reason for closing them. Voters twice turned down tax increases that would have financed construction of a new, combined home.

The report takes notes of the cost, but points out that the cost was disputed at a public hearing held last month in Edwardsville.

"The public hearing testimony argues that the financial loss is much lower than the (county) has calculated. The (state) is unable to verify the financial position as being other than what the applicant's charts show," the report says.

The 100-bed County Nursing Home was built in 1922-1923 and now has 33 residents. The Sheltered Care facility dates to the Civil War and now has 38 residents.



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Poor profitability plagues plant

By Darryl Howlett
Staff writer

Laclede Steel Co. in Alton is exploring major cost-cutting measures in an attempt to rebound from operating losses. The company announced last week that it was expecting losses for the second quarter of 1998.

Three directors also resigned because of a potential conflict of interest with Birmingham Steel Corp., where they are also officers.

"I think what we're trying to do is come up with a restructuring plan to improve," said Michael H. Lane, vice president of finance. "The Alton plant has been our biggest problem. Improvements are our No. 1 priority."

Lane said the Alton plant, on Cut Street, is having significant problems providing desirable products.

"Products at the Alton plant are not profitable," he said. "We can't do much about the selling price, that's decided pretty much by the market. We have to do something about the operating costs."

The Alton plant makes Special Bar Quality bars that are used in forging — a process of heating steel products in a furnace to create different shapes for automotive plants and other industrial companies.

The plant also makes semi-finished steel that is sold to other steel companies. Lane said that while the need for cost-cutting measures is critical, no definite time

frame has been set to correct the problems.

Lane would not say whether cost-cutting measures would include employee layoffs. "We're looking at all costs, that includes improving productivity... getting more pro-

ductivity out of workers," Lane said the next few months are vital in determining Laclede's future.

Over the next several months we'll have to make significant improvements or we're in very serious trouble."

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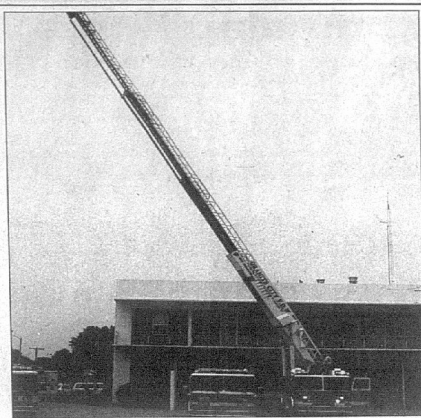
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Truck

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Purchasing a modern truck over refurbishing the old. The cost of replacing the old truck's aerial ladder alone would have cost approximately \$90,000. The new truck sports its own hydraulic aerial ladder, several ground ladders, its own fire pump, a complement of hoses and its own water booster tank. The old truck was just an aerial ladder, and did not have a pump, tank or its own water supply. KME Air Apparatus supplied the truck, delivering it on time within nine months after the council's initial approval in December. The old aerial ladder was sold for a small price to a local fire preservation group.



SCOTT KELLY / Press-Record

Above left, from left, Dan Brown, economic development director; Fire Chief Keith Talley; Mayor Ron Selph; Cmdr Jim Strack; Ray Romine, fire commander and county board member; and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Brawley are happy to see the department's new aerial ladder truck. Above, the new aerial truck's 100-foot ladder can reach the top of any structure.

Wal-Mart offering scholarships

Investing five million dollars in America's future, Wal-Mart is sending 257 graduating high school seniors to college in 1998. The students have all been awarded a \$20,000 Wal-Mart Competitive Edge Scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded to America's best and brightest students who study in fields related to manufacturing, industry and technology. Each winner is recognized with a Wal-Mart store ceremony. Sam Walton established the scholarship fund in 1992.

Wal-Mart works with universities in all 50 states and Puerto Rico to pick the scholarship winners. The Competitive Edge Scholarship fund has awarded more than 1,100 scholarships and invested over \$23 million in America's future since the program started six years ago.

Funding comes from a partnership between Wal-Mart and 75 Wal-Mart vendors who donate to the fund. Wal-Mart's customers also help support the scholarships. A portion of every sale selected from Sam's American Choice food items goes to fund the scholarship.

Control

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make that payment and the bonds will be in default for at least six years.

At the recommendation of consulting engineers, the city has doubled both the repair crews and inspection crews for the bridge for a cost of about \$700,000 per year.

One hurdle to issuing the bonds is control of the bridge, which Venice purchased in 1968.

Bridge Manager Tyrone Q. Echols, the mayor's son, said there have been suggestions that an independent financial trustee and oversight board be appointed to run the bridge's finances and operations.

Mayor Echols told the council that would be "the last

resort." "That is the only thing this city owns," he said. "I'd just as soon put up barricades and let it fall into the river."

He also said if the city would lose control of the bridge worth an estimated \$20 million — the city would "tax it to death."

Flood

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The two main ditches that drain the Metro East are the Cahokia Canal in Madison County and the Harding Ditch in St. Clair County.

Each main artery also has a number of smaller ditches that feed into the system.

Much of the work on the system has involved digging out silt and removing items that clog ditches. For example, this fall workers will remove trees from the Prairie Du Pont Diversion Channel.



Vasil Eftimoff

Aging

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after issues such as evaluating programs, services and facilities; developing a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of the state's senior citizens; and receiving and dispersing state and federal funds for the Department on Aging.

"The interesting part to me is that I'm one of the few people from downstate Illinois (on the council)," he said, even though the state statutes call for appointments from as many regions of the state as possible.

Concerns Eftimoff will bring to the council will include an easily accessible health care system; safety, both in a physical sense and from scam artists who prey on seniors; and finding ways for older adults to remain in their homes as long as possible.

Eftimoff is no stranger to government service although this is his first position at the state level.

He has a long history with Granite City schools, serving as a board member from 1949-54 and as an educator. He served on the last high school board before it merged with the elementary board in 1950.

Eftimoff is married to Anita Kendall Eftimoff, a retired preschool director. He also has served as the president of Coordinated Youth and for 13 years as president of the Lincoln Athletic Club.

His first action on the Council of Aging will come in September, when he serves as a judge for a seniors spelling bee on the Casino Queen.

The council regularly meets out of town. The position is not paid, but the state picks up the tab for expenses.

Workers

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some bridge workers were not residents, the committee wanted such complaints in writing. "We have nothing in writing from anyone," he said.

That lead to a long and sometimes heated discussion about the subject.

"We need to fire them," Alderman Victor Valentine said of the non-resident workers. "I'm sick and tired of hearing about it. We've been dealing with it for two years." "I don't think there is anybody who works there who doesn't understand the residency requirement," said Mayor Tyrone Echols. "I don't have time for this. There are \$4.3 million in delinquent bonds, and they're talking about another bridge down the line."

THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law



When parents are fighting over the custody of children, often more than one state will be involved in the dispute. For instance, the parents may obtain a divorce in one state, and then both the father and mother may move to different states. If the parents need to return to court in these situations, what state will hear future court matters?

In one recent case, the husband and wife were divorced in Virginia in 1990. The Virginia judgment of dissolution awarded physical custody of the two minor children to the mother, with the father receiving visitation. From 1990 until 1995, the children lived with the mother in Illinois.

However, eventually the daughter and son moved back with the father in Virginia. The State of Virginia awarded legal custody of the two children to the father with visitation to the mother.

Approximately one year later, the children went to Illinois to visit the mother. The mother filed a petition for emergency relief in Illinois requesting that the Illinois circuit court assume jurisdiction (authority) over this matter and grant her temporary and permanent custody of the children. She claimed that Illinois should assert jurisdiction because substantial evidence concerning the children's present and future care

was in Illinois. Furthermore, she argued that no other state had jurisdiction over the children since her ex-husband had recently relocated to North Carolina. The trial court dismissed the mother's petition for lack of jurisdiction. The judge ruled that any hearings on this matter would have to be undertaken in the State of Virginia.

The mother took this case on appeal. The Appellate Court noted that certain circumstances must exist for the Illinois courts to have jurisdiction in a child custody case. In this case, the court noted that the children had contacts with both Illinois and Virginia but that they had more significant connections in Virginia. The court felt that it was important that all prior court proceedings had taken place in Virginia.

The mother attempted to emphasize that her ex-husband had moved to North Carolina, and that no other state had jurisdiction over this matter. However, once again the Appellate Court in Illinois disagreed. The fact that the former husband had moved from Virginia did not affect Virginia's jurisdiction over the matter. For all of the foregoing reasons, the Illinois courts refused to hear this matter.

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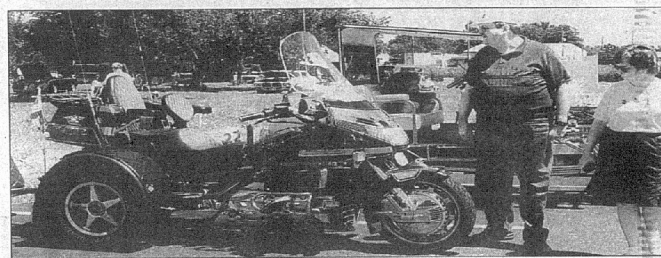
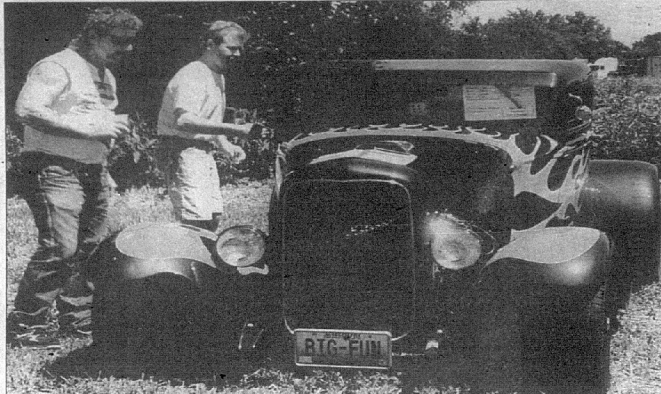
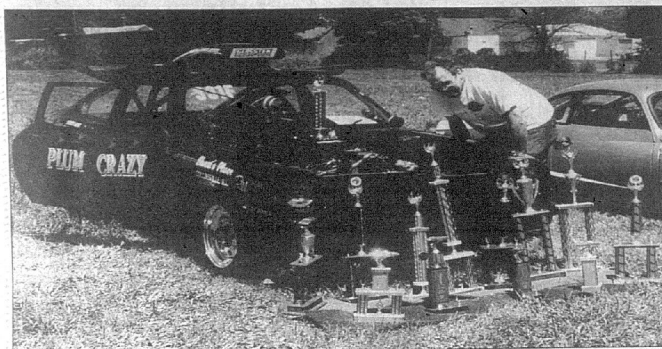
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SHIRLEY VALENCIA / Press-Record

The Venice Social Club held its 50th Anniversary Celebration Car Show Sunday in Pontoon Beach. Clockwise, from top left, Lonnie Dougherty with his 1973 Chevy Vega; Danny Hartline, left, gets a look at Kevin Megowon's 1930 Ford Coupe; Jerry and Barb Christ of Collinsville look at a 1995 Honda Goldwing trike owned by Larry Cole; Jason Ariana likes this 1975 Stingray owned by J.R. Brown; Jo Lynn Isaak clowns around.

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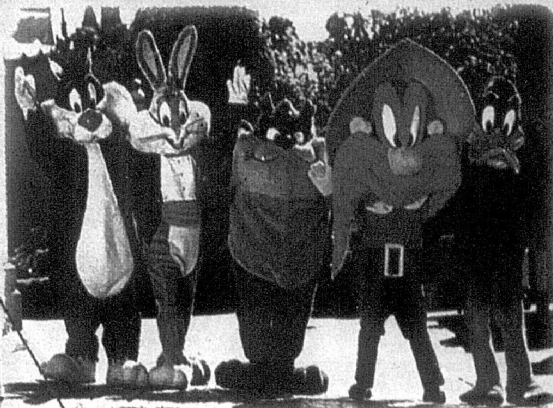
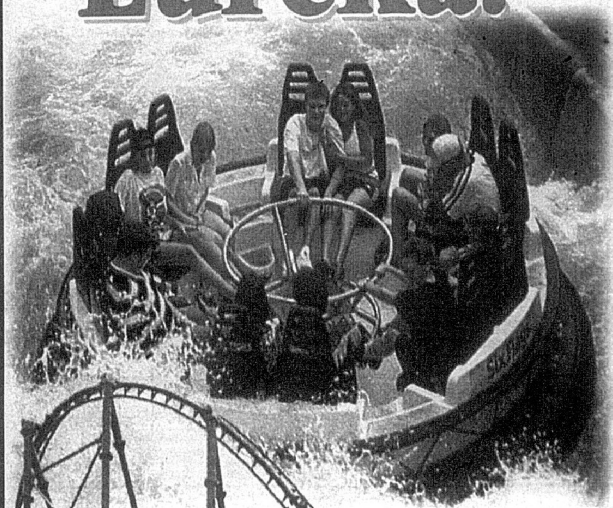
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Jones plays to people

By Lonnel Cole
Correspondent

Jimmy Jones considers himself a people's musician, an artist who aims to please. "I play to the people," said Jones. "I play to the elements of what's going on. I get a lot of Frank Sinatra (song requests) these days."

Jones, who has performed as a singer, pianist and all-around composer for more than 55 years throughout St. Louis and Metro-East, has carved out a rather celebrated niche in the area. He has had running engagements at a litany of country clubs, hotels, lounges and restaurants.

Small wonder that Jones has been able to assemble an impressive array of local performers for a worthy cause from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Seventh Inn Restaurant, 100 Seven Trail Drive, Ballwin.

The program will be a tribute to the late Lee Barth, former Seventh Inn owner. All proceeds will benefit Our Little Haven, a therapeutic residence in north St. Louis for infants and children up to age 5 who have been abused or neglected.

"We want all the proceeds to go to Our Little Haven," Jones said.

LOTTO

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Illinois State Lottery:

Pick Three-Midday
6-9-4

Pick Three-Evening
7-8-8

Pick Four-Midday
9-5-5-1

Pick Four-Evening
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1-13-26-27-29

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI (2)	News Cont'd		Maury		Geraldo Rivera		Design. Women	Murphy Brown	Pictionary	News	Grace Under Fire	Mama's Family
KMOV (4)	News		This Morning		Live - Regis & Kathie Lee		Montel Williams		Price Is Right		News	Bold, Beautiful
KSDK (5)	Today				Martha Stewart	Gayle King	Sunset Beach		Sally		News	
KNLC (7)	Varied Programs	Mask	Booknise	New Zoo Revue	Varied Programs		Dobie Gillis	Varied Programs		Benny Hinn	Life in the Word	Larry Rice
KDNL (8)	Good Morning America				Ricki Lake		The View		People's Court		All My Children	
KETC (9)	Body Electric	Arthur	Sesame Street		Barney & Friends	Teletubbies	Wister Rogers	Comfy Couch		Wimzie's House	Sesame Street	Varied Program
KPLR (11)	Tiny Toon Adv.	Adv. Captain	Mummies Alive!	Extr. Ghostbstr	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman		In the Heat of the Night		Matlock		Jenny Jones	
CABLE STATIONS												
BC/FS (3)	Squawk Box				Market Watch					Power Lunch		
CNN (2)	Early Edition Cont'd		Morning News						CNN & Company	NewsDay	Burden of Proof	CNN Today
NICK (3)	Charlie Brown	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppet Babies	Wubbulous	Gullah Island	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Rupert	Muppet Babies
TNT (7)	CHiPs		CHiPs		Charlie's Angels		Spenser: For Hire		Movie			
USA (2)	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	Gimme a Break	Perfect Strangers	Wings		Major Dad	Major Dad	Baywatch		Movie	
ESPN (3)	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Tennis	
DISC (24)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Interior Motives	Start to Finish	Home Matters		Housesmart!		Interior Motives		Home Matters	
TBS (13)	Gilligan's Island	3's Company	Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Matlock		Movie	
TWC (36)	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter
WGN (12)	Tiny Toon Adv.	Adv. Captain	Bugs 'n' Daffy	Animaniacs	Pinky & the Brain	Batman/Supn	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Geraldo Rivera		News	
WHSN (10)	Sunrise		Varied Programs									
AMC (28)	Movie Cont'd	Movie			Varied Programs							
TNN (35)	(Off Air)		Club Dance		Crook & Chase		Dallas		Aleene's Creative Living		Waltons	
MTV (98)	Daily Burn	MTV Jams Countdown			Music Videos		Carson Daly	Say What?	Daily Burn	Lunch-Jesse	Real World	Real World
LIFE (30)	Barbara W.	Barbara W.	Sisters		L.A. Law		Thirtysomething		Night Court	New Attitudes	Unsolved Mysteries	
HN (33)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
FAM (26)	Rescue 911		Christy		700 Club		Carol Burnett		Diagnosis Murder		Home & Family	
A&E (1)	Varied Programs						Quincy		Northern Exposure		Law & Order	
SCI/FI (95)	Lost in Space	Varied Programs	Swamp Thing	Beyond Reality	Night Gallery	Ray Bradbury	Monsters	Twilight Zone	Sightings	Mysteries, Magic	Forever Knight	
HIST (96)	Classroom		Real West		Movie				Varied Programs		Churchill	
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO (14)	Movie		Movie		Varied Programs							
SHOW (15)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs					Movie			Varied Programs	Movie	
TMC (17)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs								Movie	Varied Programs	
DISN (16)	Goof Troop	Mickey's Tracks	Little Mermaid	Winnie the Pooh	Bear in House	Katie and Orbie	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Little Mermaid	Winnie the Pooh	Jungle Cubs	Tale Spin

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI (2)	Beetle, Metallic	Life With Louie	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Rosie O'Donnell		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News		News	Real TV
KMOV (4)	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Inside Edition	Hard Copy	Young and the Restless		News	CBS News	News	Ent. Tonight
KSDK (5)	Another World		Days of Our Lives		Show-St. Louis	Jeopardy!	Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News	News	Wheel of Fortune
KNLC (7)	Creflo Dollar	Home Life	Marcus Welby	Varied Programs	Garfield-Friend	Dennis Menace	Extreme Dinos	DuckTales	Ouack Pack	101 Dalmatians	Amen	Larry Rice
KDNL (8)	One Life to Live		General Hospital		Ricki Lake		Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	News	ABC Wild News	Home Improve.	Simpsons
KETC (9)	Varied Programs	Kidsongs	Read. Rainbow	Science Guy	Kratts' Creatures	Wishbone	Magical Bus	Arthur	Barney & Friends	Theodore Tug	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	
KPLR (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Banana-Crayon	Mr. Men	Bugs 'n' Daffy	Animaniacs	Pinky & the Brain	Batman/Supn	Boy Meets World	Full House	Mr. Cooper	Roseanne
CABLE STATIONS												
BC/FS (3)	Street Signs				Market Wrap		Market Wrap		Varied Programs		Last Word	Sports News
CNN (2)	CNN Today Cont'd		Talkback Live		CNN Today	Burden of Proof	Inside Politics	Showbiz Today	Worldview	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	
NICK (3)	Charlie Brown	Garfield-Friend	Nick in the Afternoon		You're On!		You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Tiny Toon Adv.	Ooug	Rugrats
TNT (7)	Movie		Varied Programs		In the Heat of the Night		Kung Fu: The Legend Continues	Lois & Clark-Superman		Babylon 5		
USA (2)	Movie Cont'd		Movie		Saved by Bell	USA High	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys		Up Close	Sportscenter		Varied Programs
ESPN (3)	Tennis Cont'd		Varied Programs									
DISC (24)	Housesmart!		Interior Motives		Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers		Wings		Gimme Shelter	
TBS (13)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Flintstones	Flintstones	All New Scooby	Calif. Dreams	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Family Matters	Family Matters	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith
TWC (36)	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter
WGN (12)	Empty Nest		Wiseguy	Varied Programs	Beverly Hills, 90210		Family Matters	Calif. Dreams	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Family Matters	Coach
WHSN (10)	Varied Programs											
AMC (28)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs			Movie				Hollywood Bck	Movie		
TNN (35)	America's Country Hits		Crook & Chase		Club Dance		Dukes of Hazzard		Dallas		Waltons	
MTV (98)	Fanatic	Daria	Total Request	Varied Programs	MTV Jams Countdown		Jim Breuer	Eye Spy Video	Celebrity Videos	Music Videos	Varied Programs	
LIFE (30)	Movie				Design. Women	Design. Women	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supernatural	Debt	Intimate Portrait	
HN (33)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
FAM (26)	Home & Family	Varied Programs	Show 'Til Drop	Shopping Spree	Big Valley		Bonanza: The Lost Episodes		Super Bloopers & Jokes		Rescue 911	
A&E (1)	Varied Programs						Quincy		Northern Exposure		Law & Order	
SCI/FI (95)	Bionic Woman		Wonder Woman		Incredible Hulk		\$6 Million Man	Varied Programs	Quantum Leap	Varied Programs	Sightings	
HIST (96)	20th Century		Movie				Varied Programs		Churchill		20th Century	
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO (14)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs						Movie	Varied Programs
SHOW (15)	Movie Cont'd	Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs		
TMC (17)	Movie	Varied Programs						Movie		Varied Programs		
DISN (16)	Chip 'n' Dale	Timon & Pumbaa	Goof Troop	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	Growing Pains	Off the Wall	Flash Forward	Growing Pains	Brotherly Love	Movie	Varied Programs

Mr. Freeze newest Six Flags' terror

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

There's a whoosh!
And a blam!
Then the engine roars and 20 passengers are catapulted down a track that, as it is being sped down, takes on an almost psychedelic look. Where will it stop? More importantly, will it stop? It doesn't seem so as the cars hurtle 226 feet — straight up a piece of track that vaguely resembles the path to the top of Seattle's Space Needle.

The source of these and other questions: Mr. Freeze, the newest attraction at Six Flags St. Louis off Interstate 44 in Eureka, Mo.

There is a reason signs warn riders to remove ear jewelry and hearing aids before boarding. At 70 mph — a speed it reaches in just four seconds — the roller coaster is Six Flags' fastest ride.

The ride lasts under two minutes and repeats itself in reverse before screeching back into the roundhouse. Its closest competitor is Batman the Ride which debuted in 1995. Batman's top speed is just 50 mph.

Just 50 mph. Even that's a long way from the River King Mine Train, the premier roller coaster at the park when it opened June 5, 1971. The Mine Train is still running as are some of the other original rides such as the Log Flame, the Moon Cars, and the bumper cars, though they have been moved from their initial location.

It can be fun to work your way up to Mr. Freeze starting with the Mine Train and riding the other coasters

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Chuck Willard

chronologically. They include Screamin' Eagle, Ninja and Batman the Ride.

For those who want to mix water sports into their visit to the theme park, the Log Flume can still give a thrill as it heads down a 60-foot incline. There's also its modern counterpart, Thunder River, which rides seven acres of waves in a circular, 12-man raft.

"That's one of my favorite places," said Chuck Willard, 22, of Belleville. "If it's more than 80 (degrees) you need to hit the water rides and cool off."

"I love it because if you get the right seat, you can really get soaked."

In the interest of safety, there are height requirements, ranging from 42 to 54 inches, for many rides, so the park also has a special place designed for the little ones. Looney Tunes Town offers scaled-down rides and attractions for youngsters 6

and under. Mom or Dad can even go along on a few of the rides.

And that's a good thing for people like Kelly Schmidt of Maryville. Schmidt, 29, frequented the park when she was younger, now she takes her children.

Her 5-year-old son, Jared, is not tall enough for Batman so Looney Tunes Town is a popular attraction with him.

"He gets to be the big brother and show his sister (3-year-old Amanda) all the rides," Schmidt said. "Sometimes we go with friends so David (her husband) and I can go on some of the 'big people' rides."

"There's still a lot of things we can do there as a family, too."

If rides aren't your forte or if you just want a break, Six Flags also has a number of shows.

That's not surprising considering it's a property of the Time Warner Entertainment Co.

Sound Stage 2 screens "The History of Warner Bros." and "Warner Bros. Country" gives a live revue of today's country music in the Palace Theater. Sherwood Forest Theater gives a firsthand look at a siege on Nottingham Castle. Super Heroes from DC Comics and



Renaissance trolls cavort at the "Fright Fest" at Six Flags.

Looney Tunes characters can also be caught milling around offstage.

Concerts are another part of the park's entertainment. There are still a few performances left this season, including Clay Walker on Sept. 12, Audio Adrenaline on Sept. 19 and The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on Sept. 26.

The park is open daily through Aug. 28 and then

weekends only through Nov. 1. Fright Fest begins on weekends during October.

Operating hours vary but the park generally opens at 10 a.m.

Admission is \$29.95 for adults, \$24.95 for children 4 and up.

Parking is \$6. For more information, call (314) 938-5300.

On the cover

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Batman may still be best ride

I love roller coasters.

In fact, if it rocks, spins, or moves really fast, you generally have a hard time peeling me away from it. That may be why I so vividly recall my first trip to Six Flags.

I was barely tall enough to ride the River King Mine Train when I went to the park for my seventh birthday, during the park's second summer. I thought that was a great ride.

Then there came the Screamin' Eagle. Bigger, better, faster (Or at least we thought so at the time.) Ninja followed and then three years ago, there was Batman the Ride.

A roller coaster that went 50 mph and turned you upside down — I couldn't wait to get on it. I did — three consecutive times on a night when the lines were very short. There are no words.

Then came Mr. Freeze. To make a long story short, it goes very fast and — then it goes backward. It's a head rush, no doubt about it.

The ride literally takes your breath away. It goes so fast, especially on the trip back, that you have no time to react to any of its twists

and turns. That in itself can be exhilarating. More than 25 years after I first took the Mine Ride, it seems very tame indeed. (It's no less rough and jolting but not as fast as riding to a fire call with our photographer can be.)

Screamin' Eagle and Ninja move a lot faster and still have some thrills with their steep climbs followed by long drops.

But for someone who likes all those twists and turns, Batman is probably a better ride than Mr. Freeze. It doesn't go as fast or as high or even backward, but has twice as long a track and goes upside down. It also lets your feet swing free, something that adds an eerie charm.

As you are whipped around, your feet occasionally banging into one another, and as you race from one corkscrew to the next, you have just enough time to ask yourself if you really meant to get on. If you love the traditional roller coaster, you did.

At any speed, getting there is still half the fun.

— Nicole Vaughn

Students to offer lessons in theater

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Three high school theater students aren't wasting their time sitting around the kitchen table this summer.

They're taking their show on the road. Edwardsville High School seniors Josh Lindsay and Beth Bottje and junior Lexi Hotz will share their singing and acting talents Aug. 10-15 with children in the fourth through eighth grade in a Kitchen Table Theater Camp to be presented at the Edwardsville City Park bandstand.

The trio have been active in the EHS Drama Club, performing most recently in the musicals "Grease" and "Children of Eden."

"We've been in pretty much all the (school) shows since (See THEATER, Page 12D)

Twin screening brings double dose of delight

'Parent Trap' offers excuse for gathering

By Steve Bryan
Correspondent

When Nancy Meyers, director of Walt Disney Studios' remake of "The Parent Trap," wanted audiences to think that actress Lindsay Lohan had a twin sister, she used camera tricks and special effects.

No trick photography was needed at the AMC Galleria 6 Theatres one night last week, however, when members of the Greater St. Louis Mothers of Twins Club and their children showed up.

Joyce Smith started the club, part of the National Organization of Mothers of Twins, in 1957. She wanted to meet other mothers of twins who were sharing her "double trouble."

Stephanie Battelle, membership co-chairperson, said the group is a support system for moms. "We're there for ourselves as a club, but we also do community service outside the club," Battelle said.

Club members and their children were invited to a screening of "The Parent Trap" by John Ilitis Associates.

Denise and Steve Pohl, of St. Charles, brought their twin daughters, Sarah and Sally, 5, to the movie.

"It's adventurous," said Denise Pohl. "They're best friends. They've been in the same class in preschool, and the teacher got confused."

"Since our name is pronounced 'pole,' I call them 'North' and 'South,'" added Steve Pohl.

Identical twins are born after a fertilized egg in a mother's womb splits into two identical eggs. Fraternal twins occur when two fertilized eggs are in the womb at the same time.

"They were my first, as motherhood goes. I didn't know any better," said Marsha Conrod, mother of twins Molly and Megan, 12. "You bathe two, you diaper two, you feed two."

"When I had my next child, I realized how much work I actually did," said Conrod.

Kim Gisburne, mother of twins Timmy and David, 5, said her sons share a special bond.

"They're best buddies," said Gisburne, of Ballwin. "It's fun to see them interact. This fall,

"They're best buddies. It's fun to see them interact. This fall, they'll be starting kindergarten and will be separated for the first time for school purposes."

Kim Gisburne
Mother of twins

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On the other hand, looking alike and dressing the same can cause friction in some households.

"We're going through a changing bedroom situation right now," said Conrod. "So, there'll be no more 'that's mine' or 'You took it' or 'I'm wearing that.'"

Phyllis Henson, of St. Peters and mother of twins Stacie and Stefanie, 14, said her daughters argue "quite a bit."

"They're trying to find their

own identity, so they're trying to do their own thing," Henson said. "Stacie is sports and Stefanie is music."

In "The Parent Trap," Natasha Richardson and Dennis Quaid play the parents of twin baby girls. After they divorce, the father takes one twin to California, and his ex-wife flies to London with the other.

For more information on the Greater St. Louis Mothers of Twins Club, call 621-2550. St. Louis will host the group's national convention next summer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Music/concerts

Drummer STAN FORNASZEWSKI AND HIS BIG BAND presents the "Best of Big Bands and Beyond." Concerts are free and open to the public, and are held starting at 7:30 p.m. at Wilson Park. The next concert is set for today, Aug. 6.

Community

GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP Supervisor Bob Shipley is sponsoring a dance featuring the RSVP Orchestra from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 12 at 2060 Delmar. Refreshments will be served. The event is free of charge.

ST. JAMES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST is holding a Flea Market and Balloon Lift Off starting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, 1200 Calhoun at Selb in Venice. For \$1, visitors can put their name and a brief message inside a balloon. Shoes, clothes, crafts, jewelry and plenty of food will be offered.

A Native Harvest Festival and dance performances highlight August activities at CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE.

The Kahok Dancers, a non-native group, will present free dance performances in the Interpretive Center auditorium at 2 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23.

"The Mounds of Arkansas" an exhibit prepared by Arkansas State Parks, may be viewed through September. The photographic display

features Toltec Mounds, a Late Woodland to early Mississippian period site, including several mounds enclosed by a mile-long earthen embankment; Parkin Mound, a late Mississippian site that may be the village of Casqui visited by the DeSoto expedition in the mid-1500s; and the Hampson Museum, which features artifacts and excavations of the Nodena Mound, and site, as well as other Mississippian sites in Arkansas.

The reopening of Monks Mound to the public, with its new set of stairs, has been delayed. Visitors wishing to climb the 100 foot high mound should first call the Interpretive Center to see if it's open.

Free one-hour, guided tours are offered at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:30 and 2:30 on Sundays. Self-guided tours are available year round.

For visitors with disabilities, a Braille guidebook is available, as is a 17-minute video tour of Cahokia Mounds, which may be viewed upon request at the Interpretive Center.

Cahokia Mounds is located near Collinsville, off Interstates 55/70 and 255, and Illinois 111, on Collinsville Road. Cahokia Mounds is open daily free of charge, although a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is suggested. Call 346-5160 for more information or a calendar of events.

Cahokia Mounds can be found on the Internet at www.cahokiामounds.com or by E-mail at cahokiामounds@ezl.com.

WEEKDAY LATE NIGHT

	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI (2)	News	Paid Program	Access H'wood	Highway Patrol	Paid Program	Strange Universe	Headline News	First Business	Real TV	News	News	Varied Programs
KMOV (4)	Dating Game	Newlywed Game	Varied Programs	News	Varied Programs			This Morning's	News	Varied Programs	News	Varied Programs
KSDK (5)	Late Night Cont'd	Later	Show-St. Louis	Leeza	Varied Programs	Howie Mandel	Varied Programs	NBC News	News	News	News	
KNLC (7)	Cope		Larry Rice	Varied Programs	Movie			2 Music	Heaven Bound	Varied Programs	Kenneth C.	Larry Rice
KDNL (8)	Politically Inc.	Blossom	Forgive or Forget		ABC World News Now				ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News
KEYC (9)	Business Report	Varied Programs	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Varied Programs			World of National Geographic	Adventures	Adventures	Business Rpt.	Business News	
KPLR (10)	Jenny Jones	Varied Programs	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs	WKRP in Cin.	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs	X-Men	
CABLE STATIONS												
BCFES (3)	Varied Programs						Paid Program	Paid Program	Today-Business	Varied Programs		
CNN (3)	Sports Tonight	Moneyline	Showbiz Today	Crossfire	International	Newsroom	International	Sports Tonight	Business Day	Varied Programs	Early Edition	Varied Programs
NICK (3)	Bob Newhart	Varied Programs							Inspector Gadget	Looney Tunes	Real Monsters	Rocko's Life
TNT (7)	Movie	Varied Programs							Bugs Bunny, Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Flintstones	
USA (9)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs					Bloomberg TV	Varied Programs	Bloomberg Television	Gargoyles	Gargoyles	
ESPN (24)	Sportscenter	Varied Programs	Up Close	Varied Programs				Up Close	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Varied Programs
DISC 24	Varied Programs		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs
TBS 13	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs					Gomer Pyle	Headline News	Jetsons	Looney Tunes	All New Scooby	Gilligan's Island
TWC 36	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter
WGN 12	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie		Varied Programs		Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Life in the World	Varied Programs	Kenneth C.
WHSL 10	Varied Programs							Sunrise	Sunrise			
AMC 28	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs		
TNN 35	Varied Programs		(Off Air)									
MTV 98	After Hours						After Hours		Down Patrol			
LIFE 30	Homicide: Life	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Eyrd, Workout	Daily Workout
HIN 33	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
FAM 26	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Bonanza-Lost	Varied Programs
A&E 31	Varied Programs		Law & Order		Movie				Varied Programs		Classroom	
SCI FI 95	Movie Cont'd		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Lost in Space	Varied Programs
HIST 96	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs				Churchill		History Showcase		Year by Year	
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO 14	Movie		Varied Programs				Movie			Varied Programs	Babar	
SHOW 15	Movie		Varied Programs				Movie		Movie		Varied Programs	
TMC 17	Movie		Varied Programs					Movie		Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
DISC 18	Movie		Varied Programs				Varied Programs	Trunk & Pencil Club	Mickey's Tracks	Donald's Duck	Aladdin	Timon & Pumbaa

'The Negotiator' is intense thriller

Samuel L. Jackson stars in psychological police drama

By Ronnie Roy
Staff writer

If you're looking for an intense, psychological thriller, it shouldn't take much effort to talk you into seeing "The Negotiator."

Samuel L. Jackson stars as decorated Chicago police officer Danny Roman, a top hostage negotiator who isn't afraid to take risks. Recently married, he promises his wife that his crazy days are over.

If only that were true.

The problem is there are dirty cops in the department, siphoning off money from the police disability fund. Roman's partner has been investigating, and an informant is about to name names.

But Roman and his partner are lured to a park that night, and the partner is killed. A search of Roman's home uncovers documents showing a lot of money going to secret accounts. All the evidence points to Roman as both killer

and embezzler. His friends and co-workers eye him suspiciously, and his lawyer advises him to cut a deal.

Unable to convince anyone of his innocence, Roman goes to the 20th floor of the Internal Affairs Division's downtown headquarters, where he takes department head Inspector Niebaum (the late J.T. Walsh), Commander Frost (Ron Rifkin), Niebaum's assistant and an ex-con hostage.

Roman is convinced Niebaum is involved in the frame-up, and isn't going to let anyone go until the truth is out. Meanwhile, his former co-workers, led by Chief Travis (John Spencer) and Commander Beck (David Morse), are trying to find a way to outwit a man who knows all their procedures.

Knowing there is no one he can trust in his own department, Roman says he will only speak to Chris Sabian (Kevin Spacey), a top hostage negotiator from another



John Spencer, Kevin Spacey and David Morse in a scene from the Warner Bros. film, "The Negotiator."

precinct. Sabian has never lost a hostage and is known to talk for hours to defuse a situation.

Sabian has no interest in Roman's guilt or innocence, only in freeing the hostages.

But he's soon drawn in to Roman's dilemma, especially as Travis and Beck appear more interested in taking Roman out than saving lives. Director F. Gary Gray has

put together a gripping tale, as Roman and Sabian try to figure out who's guilty and who's innocent and who to trust. Jackson and Spacey give their usual first-rate performances, and are backed up by a fine supporting cast.

There are some too-convenient moments (the assistant knows where secret files are, the ex-con is a computer hacker), and some action sequences are hard to follow, but overall "The Negotiator" is an effective drama.

Glenn Miller concert Aug. 20

The immortal sounds of Glenn Miller will fill the air on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Wilson Park, 29th and State St. Drummer Stan Fornaszewski and his 14-piece Big Band will perform their 114th concert at Wilson Park.

"Our Glenn Miller Music Night is our most popular draw in the series," Fornaszewski said. "We've had as many as 1,500 people in past years."

The concert is free and is the final concert for this year's concert series at Wilson Park. In case of rain, the concert will be held inside the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

For more information, call the Granite City Park district at: (618) 877-3059, or the Big Band Concert Line at (618) 451-2889.

FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 7, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI	(2) Getting Personal	Getting Personal	Millennium "The Paper Dove" (R) (U)	News (U)	Extra (In Stereo)	News (U)	Grace Under Fire	Married... With	Magic Hour (In Stereo) (U)	Cops (In Stereo)		
KMOV	(4) Kids-Darndest	Candid Camera	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo) (U)	Nash Bridges "Cuda Grace" (R) (U)	News (U)	Late Show (In Stereo) (U)	Late Show (In Stereo) (U)	Am. Journal	Late Late Show (In Stereo) (U)	Late Night (U)		
KSDK	(5) "Into the Arms of Danger: A Moment of Truth Movie" (1997, Drama)		Dateline (In Stereo) (U)		News (U)	Tonight Show (In Stereo) (U)	Jerry Springer (U)					
KNLG	(7) Bonanza	Little House on the Prairie	Gunslinger		LAPD: On Beat	Larry Rice	Impact	Lester Family	Larry Rice			
KDNL	(8) Sabrina-Witch	You Wish (R) (U)	Boy Meets World Teen Angel (U)	20/20 (U)	News (U)	Nightline (U)	Fraser (In Stereo)	M*A*S*H (U)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (U)			
KETC	(9) Wash. Week	Wall Street Week	Antiques Roadshow (In Stereo) (U)	Red Skelton	Jack Benny	Business Report	P.O.V. (In Stereo) (U)		Lighthouse Keeper	Travels-Europe		
KPLR	(11) Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals, (Live)					News	Seinfeld (U)	Cheers (U)	Mad About You	Roseanne (U)	Vibe	
CABLE STATIONS												
BCFS	(39) Boxing: Fight Time. (R)				This Week in NASCAR (R)	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Last Word (R)	Motorsports			
CNN	(2) World Today (U)	Larry King Live (U)	World Today (U)		Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R) (U)	Larry King Live (R) (U)	Newsstand: Fortune (R) (U)				
NICK	(23) Kablam!	Rugrats (U)	Rugrats (U)	Rugrats (U)	Rugrats (U)	Bewitched	Mary Tyler Moore Taxi (U)	Newhart (U)	Dick Van Dyke			
TNT	(27) 1/2 "Best Defense" (1984, Comedy) Dudley Moore, Eddie Murphy.				** "Rapid Fire" (1992, Adventure) Brandon Lee, Powers Boothe.	** 1/2 "Turner & Hooch" (1989, Comedy) Tom Hanks. (In Stereo) (U)	** 1/2 "Shakedown" (1988, Drama) Peter Weller, Sam Elliott.		"Disorganized"			
USA	(23) Walker, Texas Ranger "Lucky" (U)	** "Sneakers" (1992, Adventure) Robert Redford, Sidney Poitier. (In Stereo) (U)			Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter (U)	Baseball Tonight	Outside the Lines (R)	Strongest Man			
ESPN	(31) Billiards	Major League Soccer: D.C. United at Dallas Burn, (Live)			Justice Files "Cops Under Fire" (R)	Wild Discovery "Super Predators" (R)	Discovery News		World of Wonder			
DISC	(24) Wild Discovery "Super Predators" (R)	Discovery News "World of Wonder	Science Mysteries "Beyond T-Rex"		Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants, (Live) (U)				"The Fly" (1986)			
TBS	(13) ** "Fire Birds" (1990, Adventure) Nicolas Cage, Tommy Lee Jones.				WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	
TWC	(36) WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	
WGN	(12) Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals, (In Stereo) (Live)				News (In Stereo)	Honeymonsters	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon "Red Dog Blues"				
WHSL	(10) Direct From D.C.: Doll Expo	Direct From D.C.: Doll Expo	Direct From D.C.: Doll Expo		Direct From D.C.: Doll Expo	Second Annual 18K Indulgence	Second Annual 18K Indulgence					
AMC	(28) ** 1/2 "The Grass Is Greener" (1960, Comedy) Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr.	Rimber WENN	** 1/2 "Tales of Terror" (1962, Horror) Vincent Price.		Dallas (In Stereo)	Dukes of Hazzard (In Stereo) (U)	Music City News Country Awards					
TNN	(35) Music City News Country Awards (R) (In Stereo) (U)				Fanatic	Loveline (R) (In Stereo)	Sit & Oily	Yol (In Stereo)				
MTV	(98) Artist Cut	Total Request (R) (In Stereo)	Ultra Sound	Live From the 10 Spot (In Stereo)	New Attitudes (U)	Golden Girls (U)	Golden Girls (U)	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo)	Homicide: Life			
UHF	(6) WNBA Basketball: Houston Comets at Detroit Shock, (Live) (U)				Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		
HN	(33) Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		
FAM	(26) Diagnosis Murder "The Busy Body"	Diagnosis Murder (In Stereo) (U)			Law & Order "Sonata for Solo Organ"	Biography: Clint Eastwood	L.A. Detectives (R)					
A&E	(31) Biography: Clint Eastwood	L.A. Detectives	Midsomer Murders (R) (Part 2 of 2)		American Gothic "Meet the Beetles"	** 1/2 "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers" (1956, Science Fiction) Hugh Marlowe.	Friday the 13th: The Series (U)	American Gothic "Meet the Beetles"	"Earth vs. the Flying Saucers" (U)			
SCI FI	(95) American Gothic "Meet the Beetles"	** 1/2 "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers" (1956, Science Fiction) Hugh Marlowe.	Friday the 13th: The Series (U)		Dark Invader: Story-Saboteur	**** "The Spirit of St. Louis" (1957, Biography) James Stewart, Murray Hamilton.						
HIST	(96) Dark Invader: Story-Saboteur	**** "The Spirit of St. Louis" (1957, Biography) James Stewart, Murray Hamilton.										
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO	(14) "So I Married an Axe Murderer" (U)	*** "Sleepers" (1996, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Robert De Niro. (In Stereo) (R) (U)	Dennis Miller (U)	Spawen (In Stereo)	Reverb (In Stereo)							
SHOW	(15) ** "Adrenaline: Fear the Rush" (1996, Suspense) (R) (U)	Lolita Story	Stargate SG-1 (U)	Dead Man's Gun	Outer Limits	Pollergist: The Legacy	Red Shoe Diaries	Red Shoe Diaries				
TMC	(17) (6:20) "Never Too Late" (1996) PG	** 1/2 "Caught" (1996, Drama) Edward James Olmos. (In Stereo) (R)	** 1/2 "Captives" (1994, Drama) Tim Roth. (R) (U)	** "Fied" (1996, Adventure) Laurence Fishburne. (R) (U)								
DISN	(16) "Blank Check" - Parent-Trap	"You Lucky Dog" (1998, Comedy) Kirk Cameron. (U)	What-A-Mess	Walt Disney Presents: Otis Family	Mickey Mouse Club (R) (U)	** 1/2 "Fool and Fancy Free" (1940)						

Movie directors take on commercials

There's only so much a director can do with a garbage truck, a lawn gnome and 45 seconds of film.

No wonder quirky perfectionist Tim Burton is sweating his next shot, pacing the sidewalk, running a hand through his tangle of dark hair.

It's almost 11 p.m. on Oxley Street in this leafy Los Angeles suburb, one of the shooting locations for Burton's next production. It's a bold new challenge for the man who made "Batman," "Beetlejuice" and "Edward Scissorhands."

The project? Burton's first television commercial.

And the product?

Chewing gum. Moonlighting in the product-pitching business is all the rage now for big-time directors, as they race through the door opened by Spike Lee, the accomplished feature

director who made it respectable to direct TV spots with his slick Nike ads.

Top directors can pull down as much as \$500,000 for a couple day's work, though they insist they're guided by other forces.

"In a commercial, you can try to do a lot of new experimental techniques. It's no limit. It's a crazy thing, but very, very creative," says famed Hong Kong action director John Woo, who shot a series of commercials for Nike featuring Brazilian soccer stars dribbling balls through an airport.

Woo suffered no pangs of guilt, no sense of shame, no lingering feelings that he sold out.

"This commercial is like a John Woo movie," he says. "All they wanted was a good commercial. They never asked me, 'John, how about give me an extreme close-up for the shoes or for the trademark.'

They never, ever say those things."

On the Burton set, the ad agency reps keep their distance. There's no question of who the star is. And the star looks like a nervous wreck helming this 45-second production to sell Hollywood Gum, which is sold in Europe.

The scene is a tricky one. It calls for a gnome, with a long, white beard and red pointy hat, to leap into the back of a green trash truck, sending shreds of salad flying. It's a tough shot because the little guy's moves will be computer generated and inserted later.

All Burton has is a "reference gnome" to line up the camera angle. This 2 1/2-foot-tall statue with flowing beard and cathedral hat is propped up on the back of the trash truck. The shot is lined up. Burton takes the gnome away and hands it to the first assistant director, who holds it for a while before handing it off to another crew member.

"This guy is truly focused," Michael Bodnarchek, the commercial's producer, says.

Bodnarchek is with the Los Angeles-based production house A Band Apart, which weds feature directors to commercial work.

"You will see visuals that will have that Tim Burton look," Bodnarchek says. "It has a grand scale to it for a 45-second spot."

Which, of course, is the whole idea. Otherwise, the agency would hire someone much cheaper. But although these directors are given some creative control, they don't run the whole show; this is, after all, advertising, not art.

It all depends on the project. Burton had a say in the chewing gum ad story-line (something about a gnome who leaps from one scene to another through various portals) and lent the commercial its creepy, dark look.

Other times, the director is brought in primarily for the polish and style. The rest is usually scripted, meticulously, by the ad agency and the client company.

"Everything is micromanaged. The ad agency was the first one to tell me that, and I understand it," says Steve Buscemi, a busy actor ("Armageddon," "Fargo") and an up-and-coming filmmaker who directed commercials for the WNBA. "You've got 30 seconds to get something across. Every second counts."

Still, Buscemi says, "That at times got kind of trying for me. I guess I just wasn't used to have that much input. ... It was definitely one of the hardest things I've done. But when it was over, I was really proud of it."

— Associated Press

•Theater

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eighth grade," Lindsay said.

Kitchen Table Theater is an offshoot of Drama Club, a student-led effort that takes acting beyond the school stage. The group had its first show last summer, Bottje said, and performed a series of skits for the public during a weekend in June at City Park.

The idea for the camp came from Drama Club sponsor, teacher Kate Motley, who knew they enjoyed passing along acting advice from past workshops.

"A couple of weeks ago we did some things for the (Madison County) Urban League, which brought in some underprivileged kids," Lindsay said.

After the students talked it over, the idea of a public session sounded like a good one.

"We realized it might not be as hard as it sounded," he said. The program is being offered in conjunction with Edwardsville Parks and Recreation.

The workshops to be offered are:

— Improv: teaching pupils how to be alert on stage. Pupils will also learn how to develop characters through facial expressions and body movements.

— Musical theater: the basics of song and dance in a musical. The pupils will use what they learn in a performance at the end of the session.

— Early audition techniques: the basics of auditioning for plays and musicals in three basic steps — preparing a speech, memorizing a monologue and using proper theater etiquette and presentation. The techniques are intended to prepare the pupils for theater and public speaking in everyday life.

— Bringing a short children's story to life: Pupils will adapt a well-known children's story or poem into a script for their own play. The pupils will perform their work for family and friends on the last day of the workshop.

Although the three instructors have been involved in theater the last few years, Lindsay said even earlier exposure is better.

"Especially with auditions," he said. "My first audition wasn't real comfortable, standing on the stage at the high school in front of all those people."

"Your first year, it takes two or three plays to learn what's going on," Bottje added.

So far at least 15 pupils have signed up for the workshops, which will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily. The cost is \$50 per pupil for six, two-hour sessions.

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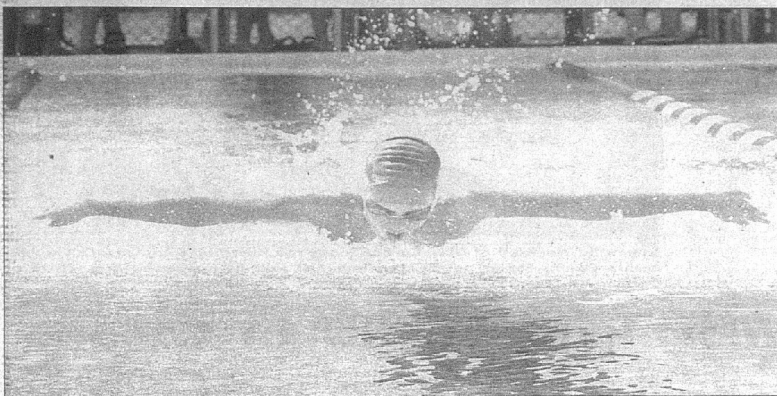
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SPORTS



Justin Schooley of the Paddlers Swim Club captured the 100-meter freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 50 backstroke in SWISA competition for the 11-12-year old boys.

Summer-Sport wins SWISA meet Paddlers settle for third-place finish

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Paddlers Swim Club hit the water strong last Saturday but it wasn't enough as they finished third in the Southwestern Illinois Swimming Association's all-club meet.

Summer-Sport of Alton was first with 486½ points. Montclair of Edwardsville finished second with 465 points. Paddlers of Granite City placed third with 435 points and Gaslight of Collinsville finished fourth with 382½ points. Wedgwood of Florissant, Mo., was fifth with 223 points and Sunset Hills of Edwardsville rounded out the field with 88 points.

"It was very, very close this year," said Paddlers swim coach Celeste Furmanek. "We missed first place by just about 50 points, which is very close in a big SWISA meet like this."

"I looked up and we were winning the meet after the first 10 events," said Furmanek. "It just goes to show, when you put all those teams together, you never know what will happen."

A handful of individual Paddlers did well in their age groups. Virginia Hoff (8-and-under) finished in the top three overall for the girls, as did Aaron Streid (8-and-under), Matt Schooley and Jonathon Dembeck (9-10), Matt Dittman (11-12) and Justin Schooley (11-12) for the boys.

Streid, Dittman, and Matt Schooley won the freestyle events in their groups, and Schooley won the 100-meter individual medley for 9-10 boys.

Streid also won the 25-meter butterfly for 8-and-under while Dittman won the 100 back. Justin Schooley won the 100-meter freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 50 backstroke for 11-12 boys. Brian Peterson won the 9-10 boys 50-meter breaststroke. Bryan Baker won the 13-14 boys 100 backstroke.

The Paddlers won the 11-12 boys' 200-meter free relay, which isn't surprising considering the swimmers' successes individually. What was a bit disappointing for Paddlers was the dearth of medals in the 15-18 boys and girls brackets.

YOUTH SWIMMING

"Competition for the older kids was pretty tough this year," said Furmanek. "We lost two dual meets this season, and we got beat pretty badly in those. That automatically put us in third going into the weekend."

The Paddlers also had a first in the 200 free and 200 medley relays for 9-10 boys.

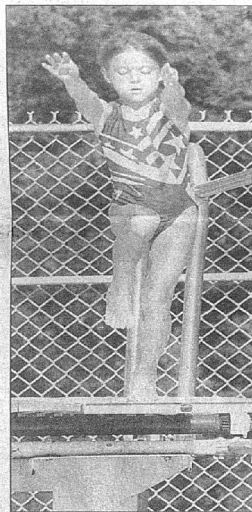
Despite the third-place finish, Furmanek's charges found success in personal improvement. "I told the kids: 'It's not about beating other teams, it's about beating your individual best times,' and 95 percent of them did that," she said. "It's not about who you beat at all. They were competing against themselves."

Furmanek was proud of the dedication her kids showed after a long season in the water.

"Their interest was still ignited after swimming all summer," she said. "That's what I look for."

"I was tickled for the kids. They gave a really great effort."

For Collinsville's Gaslight, Ashley Hayes won the 11-12 girls 50-meter butterfly and 100-meter IM, and Kevin Theiss and Drew Sanders came in first and second in the 9-10 boys 50-meter backstroke. Derek Pelate, 13, took the 200-meter IM. The 11-12 girls team won the 200-meter relay medley, and the 12-14 boys won the 200-meter relay medley.



Ashley Streid had a strong summer of competition for the Paddlers Swim Club.

There's only room for one in this tourney

Prairie State Games admitted
just one Warriors team this year

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

ICE HOCKEY

Granite City teams have dominated the Prairie State Games high school ice hockey competition in the two years that hockey has been played at the amateur sports festival.

But not everyone in Granite City was rejoicing at the completion of this year's event.

The 1997 champion, the Granite City Warriors hockey club of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association, were not in the tournament field this year when the Illinois Warriors hockey club of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association won the championship.

The Warriors of Mid-States, an association of predominantly Missouri clubs with Granite City as the lone Illinois team, were not admitted to this year's field, which was filled with MVCHA teams from Illinois.

"Mid-States gave us permission to play in this tournament, but MVCHA said no," said Warriors MSCHA coach Dave Yurkovich. "They denied kids who go to Granite and play for me an opportunity to play in the Prairie State Games."

"The Games are supposed to be open to all Illinois residents. They let us play in it last year. It's political, and it's not fair."

When setting up the rules for admission to the Prairie State Games hockey tournament, the board decided that only one of the Granite City teams could compete.

"The only reason his (Yurkovich's) guys played in the Prairie State tournament last year was that we needed a team (to fill out the field), so we asked him to come in," said Larry Thatcher, a board member for MVCHA. "In no way, shape, or form did we alter the rules or do anything specifically to keep Dave's team out of the competition."

"Because of logistic and cost concerns, the tournament organizers decided that it would only be feasible to feature teams from the Metro East, and that only one team could represent each area. The Illinois Warriors got their application in first. That's all there is to it."

Filling out that paperwork for the Illinois Warriors MVCHA club was Dan Svezia, president of the club's parents group.

"All I did, when it was announced that there would be a tournament, was send in the application form and a check," Svezia said. "Tournaments establish rules and parameters under which you can operate. It's the tournament director's license to establish these rules, and his only mission is to make sure that you have the best tournament possible. You follow the rules, play the tournament, and move on."

As for the future of Granite City's Mid-States hockey teams in the Pra-

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Walsh takes lead with ninth victory

AUTO RACING

Ray Walsh regained the championship points lead by sweeping Saturday's "GM Performance Night" at Tri-City Speedway.

Walsh's ninth NASCAR Winston Racing Series Modified win puts him two markers up on John Seets, himself a seven-time winner this season.

Seets led the screaming pack of modifieds into turn one at the drop of the green with Walsh glued to his rear bumper. The pair ran side-by-side for five laps and continued to sail along 1-2 for several laps. A lap 11 caution slowed the pace and put two lapped cars between Walsh and the leader. The two roared around the flat half-mile dirt for the next six laps in a virtual dead heat.

With three laps to go, a caution for debris bunched the field. Seets led the restart but Walsh took the lap, nipping Seets by inches at the line.

Another caution gave Seets one last shot, but Walsh was not to be denied, leading Seets, Troy Walker, Patrick Lawson and Dan Schiup under the checkers.

The qualifiers were won by Walsh and Walker.

John Dickerman played a waiting game and won his fifth ShortTrack Series feature of the season. Pat Ryan led at the start, but Bub Smith led the first four laps. An altercation with a lapped car put Smith into the fence and shredded his left front tire and sheet metal. As Smith headed to the pits, Brian Crouch inherited the lead with Dickerman his permanent lead.

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Bow hunting permits available at Horseshoe

Bow hunting for deer at Horseshoe Lake will be by permit only.

Permits are available at the park office, and will be accepted Aug. 1-31.

For more information call the Horseshoe Lake State Park office at (618) 931-0270.

Dove season

Dove season is Sept. 1-30 at Horseshoe Lake State Park. The first five days are by permit only.

Starting Sept. 6, a daily drawing will be conducted to fill out the hunting quota.

Only non-toxic shells may be used at this site.

Blind claims

Blind builders wishing to claim their blind must occupy the blind by one half-hour before shooting time.

All hunters must sign in before hunting and sign out and report their results at the end of the hunt.

Sign-in area is located in front of park office.

State-wide regulations on season dates, hunting hours, and limits apply at this site.

Billiards is booming at The Side Pocket

Pool hall boasts leagues, teams

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Glenn "Gabby" Eddleman, a beloved local billiards impresario, passed away this winter, but the league he started lives on in his name.

The Eddleman League goes on three nights a week throughout the area. Mondays are set aside for men's leagues, Tuesdays for women's, and Wednesdays for coed leagues.

Teams are ranked and placed into divisions according to skill and experience, with "A" being the highest.

"It's great, almost all the (pool halls) in Granite, Madison and Venice get involved," said Paulette Baker, a bartender at The Side Pocket, a pool hall and bar on Pontoon Road, which holds Eddleman League games.

Baker has a rooting interest of her own.

"Our women's teams are 'A' and 'C,' and our men's teams are 'B' and 'D,'" says Baker. "I'm on the 'A' division team. We're in first place right now."

"I've been in this league for 19 years now, since it started. Gabby's son Sparky took it over when Gabby died."

"We have some really good players

BILLIARDS

here at Side Pocket. We get a mix of people of all ages, 20s, 30s, 40s, all kinds."

Side Pocket also has an Illinois eight-ball league on Thursdays, and began leagues of its own this spring. "We had a good in-house league," said manager Joe Dickie. "Everyone was tickled to death with it. It seemed to be played fairly."

"With our league, we had a nice mix of Eddleman and Illinois eight-ball rules. We used some of each."

On Aug. 23, Side Pocket will host a \$500 add-in tournament for players in the "B" division and below.

"Players are ranked according to their scores in prior leagues and games," says Dickie. "That will determine their position."

Side Pocket will continue to feature new leagues all year long. The fall season begins on Aug. 19. There is a registration fee of \$25 per league. "You get all of that fee back at the end of the season," says Dickie. "We're not out to make money off of it."

For more information on the leagues or tournaments, call The Side Pocket at 876-POOL.



League champs

The Spring Street Specialties' Shop softball team captured first place in the Chic Division of the Collinsville Baseball/Softball League this summer, earning its fifth consecutive first-place finish under the guidance of manager Pete Hoffman and coach Dennis Ferrero. Team members (from left to right) are: In front - Anne Perry, Jessica Bell, Tasha Brown, Jessica Ramsey; Middle - Pete Hoffman, Diane Rabe, Chelsea Volkmar, Danielle Hall, Katie Wisnasky, Dennis Ferrero; In back - Jeni Hoffman, Kelly Ferrero, Kim Reiniger, Gentry Nessel. Absent from photo are Laura Peacock and Heather Snickers.

Weakley leads points race for Enduro Series season

By Rick Bloom
Staff writer

Samantha Weakley recorded wins on both July 25 and July 26 at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Rockton.

In the 100cc Sprint Kart class, she reached speeds in excess of 90 mph, and won by a large margin over her nearest competitors on the 1.95-mile course.

Her Indy Kart was powered by a Funkhouser Racing Engines' Parilla TT-75.

"The engine really gave me the handling and power I needed to pull away from the field," Weakley said.

"Traffic was pretty heavy in my class and passing the slower karts on the track while maintaining the lead became the biggest problem I had to overcome. It's great to win."

Weakley was sponsored by RP Lumber Co., J. Wilkerson Construction, Patterson Brake, Branding Oil and Tax by F.R.

"I can't thank them enough," Samantha said. "This wouldn't be possible without them."

Samantha is currently leading in points in the Kartshop.com/Kartech Championship

GO-KART RACING

Enduro Series season, which includes racing at eight events across the Midwest, including Gateway International Raceway, Road America, Indianapolis Raceway Park, Gingerman (Mich.) Raceway, Grattan (Mich.) Raceway, Putnam Park Road Course, and Blackhawk Farms Raceway.

Samantha's next appearance will be Aug. 15-16 at the Gateway International Raceway oval in Madison.

Her primary sponsor, Indy Karts Inc., manufactures and distributes both racing and concession karts from their manufacturing facilities in Indianapolis. Funkhouser Racing Engines, also based in Indianapolis, specializes in building and preparing kart racing engines for many competitors.

Weakley hails from Glen Carbon, Ill., and is a student at Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis, majoring in sports marketing. She has raced since she was 12, and plans to make auto racing a career. She formed Sammy Jo Racing, Inc., in 1996.



Samantha Weakley of Glen Carbon leads the Kartshop.com/Kartech Championship Enduro Series points standings and will be appearing Aug. 15-16 at Gateway International Raceway.

Granite City resident Bruce Mort lands big fish in Canada

(Granite City resident Bruce Mort landed a 42-inch, 16-pound Northern Pike during a recent fishing trip at Tetu Lake in Ontario, Canada. This is his account of landing the big fish.)

By Bruce Mort

The Canadian sky was brilliant with sunshine, and the water was still, without a whisper of a breeze. The only noise was the sloshing of our wake against the shore, and the occasional cry of a solitary loon in the bay. We were fishing out of the best-kept secret in Ontario, Canada: Tetu Lake's Tetu Island Lodge.

It had been a wonderful trip. My fifteen-year-old grandson had caught the most fish, 115, including a trophy-length Smallmouth. My son-in-law, Dan, had landed more than the 77 I had managed. The largest fish we got into the boat was 25 inches long. Not bad, but definitely not a lunker by definition.

The night before, we had been fishing in the release water at the dam above Tetu Lake, and Dan hooked what must have been a monster. The fish just sat at the bottom of the lake with the hook in his mouth, and chewed right through the metal leader. There was no fight, no contest. He was gone as soon as he'd been hooked.

I had my own chances. Twice, I had hooked them. Pikes of about 35 inches, and got them halfway into the boat only to see them break the line and get away. I was heart-sick. Then I lost another.

Dan was saying things to me like, "Couldn't

be helped," and "There'll be another." I wasn't listening. I set my rod down and held my head in my hands. I'd been given three chances to catch a big fish and I'd blown them all. I was disgusted with myself. In a few hours we'd be winging our way back to the United States and our fishing trip would be history. I was wishing we were on that plane already.

"Grandpa, you can borrow a lure from me," said my grandson. My guide gave me a good metal leader. While I'd been sulking, my grandson had noticed excess line on the reel, which had probably caused me to lose the big fish. I couldn't resist the encouragement, and I was ready to fish again — with everyone else's equipment.

With the sick feeling of loss still in my stomach, I cast out into the open water. The lure hit the water and I set my reel, letting the lure settle to tighten the line. No sooner had the line tightened than the fish hit it hard and I set the hook. It was like holding a log, an immovable object. Dan was at my side immediately.

"Let him tire himself out," he said, and I did, but dropped my rod tip toward the water. I hurried to raise it back to eye level.

My left wrist was beginning to ache. The fish hadn't risen from the bottom, so we still didn't know his size. He hadn't peeled off any of my line, so Dan figured my drag was too high. He loosened it without getting in the way of my handling of the fish.

The fish seemed to tire and began to rise toward the surface. Twice, he managed to dive

downward again, but the pull of the line brought him back up. Then we could see him. He was the largest fish we had seen on the trip.

He was so close that I could almost touch him. He swam back and forth just beneath the surface, and Jeff said, "He's about ready to give up."

Just then, the fish took off under the boat again. He peeled off a few feet of drag and managed to wrap my rod around the configuration of the boat, almost taking it into the lake. My hands were shaking.

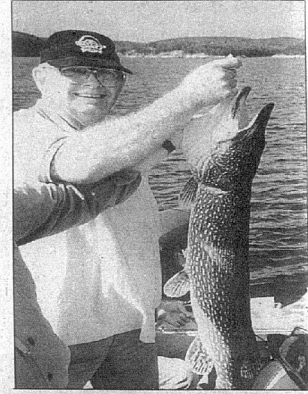
Miraculously, he backed off and floated to the surface on our side of the boat. Jeff got down on both knees and lifted the fish out of the water.

Whoa! A huge fish. We laid down the measuring tape — forty-two inches, sixteen pounds.

We took pictures, and quickly returned the fine specimen of Northern Pike to the water. He revived and swam hard for the safety of the deep water, perhaps to be caught another day by some other lucky angler.

"Catch and release" is our way of enjoying nature without taking too much out of it. I am having a replica trophy made to perpetuate the meaningful memories I have of being allowed to catch "The Great Fish."

I caught him on the last cast of the last day of our fishing trip, and had it been to me, I wouldn't have even had my line in the water.



Bruce Mort and his fish.

Grigsby Middle School begins volleyball practices Aug. 19-20

Volleyball practice and tryouts for Grigsby Middle School will begin Aug. 19 for incoming eighth-graders and Aug. 20 for seventh- and eighth-graders.

In order to attend, players must have a signed parental permission form and current physical. Forms are available at the Grigsby school office and will be available for parents to sign on the day of practice.

Practices will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 noon.

Softball leagues

Registration is underway for the Granite City Park men's, women's and coed softball leagues. Deadline for registration is Aug. 21. League play begins Sept. 2 at the Wilson Park Office. Men and women play Tuesday and Thursday evenings; coed teams play Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

The cost is \$250. For information, contact Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Flag football

The Granite City Park District has begun registration for the 1998 flag football season. Registration continues Aug. 8 at the Flag Football Complex and Aug. 19 at the Wilson Park Office. Bring child to registration for fitting for helmet and pads to be provided by the Park District. Registration times are 9-10:30 a.m. for grades 3-4; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for grades 5-6. Cost of program is \$27 for residents; \$38 for non-residents. Play begins Sept. 12. For information, call the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059.

Tennis tourney

The Granite City Park District will host an invitational tennis tournament, sanctioned by the U.S. Tennis Association, Aug. 14-16 at the Wilson Park Tennis Courts. Registration begins Aug. 3 at the Wilson Park office. Players may enter three events with entry fees of \$10 per player per singles event and \$10 per doubles team per doubles event. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each event. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Aug. 12.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer camp

The Christian Soccer Camp, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association, is Aug. 10-14 at the Association grounds in Mitchell (620 Englewood Road). Sessions are a.m.-12 noon each day. Registration fee is \$10. For information, call 931-6222.

Golf tourney

The Tri-City Area YMCA 16th annual Golf Classic will be Saturday, Aug. 15 at the Legacy Golf Course in Granite City. Tee times begin at 10 a.m. The cost for the four-person flighted scramble is \$80 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments and a steak dinner after the tournament. All proceeds support YMCA youth programs. For more information, call 876-7200.

Golf Classic

Kids Under Twenty One and the St. Louis Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association have scheduled the third annual Tee It Up for Teens Golf Classic for Aug. 24 at Stonewall Golf Club in Fairview Heights.

The shotgun scramble will begin at 1:30 p.m. Golfers will have the opportunity to meet and play golf with St. Louis baseball greats Bob Forch, Whitey Herzog, Al Hrabosky, Greg Mathey, Scott Terry and many other favorites.

Individual entry fee is \$275 per player. For information, call 963-7571.

Golf scramble

The eighth annual Allsup Classic, a golf tournament benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois, will be Monday, Aug. 24 at St. Clair Country Club in Belleville.

There will be a shotgun start at noon with a box lunch on the course. Dinner and awards will follow tournament play. The tournament is a four-

son scramble with numerous prizes. Entry fee is \$150 per person. For more information, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 398-3162.

Softball tryout

St. Louis Stealth 16-and-under girls Division A softball team is conducting tryouts for the 1999 softball season. For information, call Tom at 892-2687 or 846-4817.

Pompon camp

The 10th annual Collinsville High pompon camp for girls entering kindergarten through eighth grade will be Aug. 10-14 at Fletcher Gymnasium.

Registration begins 7:30 a.m. Monday and the camp will be in session 8 a.m. until 12 noon each day.

The camp will be directed by CHS pom sponsor Jackie Meurer. The current junior varsity and varsity squads will provide instruction for the participants.

Tuition is \$45 per camper. Families may enroll a sister for \$40 and a third member of the family for \$45.

Checks should be made payable to CHS Poms Parents. For more information, call Mary Tenladd at 345-7852.

BAC softball camps

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Sessions will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The first camp, Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8, and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35. The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp. For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

Golf tourney

The eighth annual Allsup

Classic, a golf tournament benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois, will be Monday, Aug. 24 at St. Clair Country Club in Belleville.

A shotgun start is set for 12 noon with a box lunch on the course. Dinner and awards will follow tournament play. The

tournament is a four-person scramble with numerous prizes.

The entry fee is \$150 per person. For more information, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 398-3162.

Soccer coaching clinic

Belleville Area College will sponsor parent/coach soccer coaching clinics 6-9 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 9 a.m.-12 noon on Aug. 15.

The cost is \$20. For more information, call the BAC athletic department at 235-2700, extension 271.

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SPORTS

Blues Softball Classic set for Sept. 11 at SLU

Tickets are now on sale for St. Louis University's seventh annual St. Louis Blues Softball Classic at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 at the Billiken Sports Complex.

Led by honorary chairman Craig Conroy, the Blues team will challenge a team of local celebrities to pit their skills against them for this all-star softball game. The roster for the opposing celebrity team will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

Over the past six years, the game has raised more than \$100,000 for Alzheimer's disease research for St. Louis University School of Medicine. There will be autograph and photo opportunities, an auction and raffle of Blues memorabilia, Blues Classic souvenirs and refreshments.

Reserved tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. General admission tickets are \$9 for adults

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and \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased by visiting any Capital Tickets location or by calling Dialtix at (314) 969-1800. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m.

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Edwardsville takes aim at Legion state championship

Post 199 attempts to duplicate high school team's accomplishment

By Louie Korac
Correspondent

Most of Edwardsville Post 199's roster went through the rigors of a high school state baseball championship last June.

When the American Legion state tournament began Wednesday morning, Edwardsville was chasing yet another state title.

Post 199 defeated Mount Vernon 8-2 last Saturday to claim the American Senior Legion Fifth Division Tournament and state claim to one of five berths available for the state tournament, which runs through Saturday at Glik Park.

Edwardsville (29-5) was to play Fourth Division champion Danville at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the first of three opening-round contests. First Division champion Arlington Heights will face Third Division champion Rock Island at 2:30 p.m., followed by Second Division champion Barrington against Highland at 7. Highland is the host team and received an automatic berth.

Edwardsville comes into the tournament red-hot at the plate and they're getting solid pitching. Edwardsville averaged 10 runs per game in going 4-0 in Robinson, while the pitching staff only surrendered under three runs per game.

"We've hit a hot streak right now," said Edwardsville first baseman and Fifth Division Tournament Most Valuable Player Matt Evers. "It's a good time to get hot because we were a little cold going into this (last) tournament. Now it seems like we're getting the runs when we need them and the pitching's been really good."

"It would be nice to win both. We're focused. Nobody's ever done it before, but I think we've got a good chance. We know what it's like to win a title and this isn't going to be any different. I think when we play our best, we can beat anyone."

Dave Crouthers
Edwardsville player

They (the pitchers) shut 'em down and we get runs and that's going to win games for you."

Evers (.405 batting average and 3-1 on the mound) was a huge contributor at the plate and on the mound in the division tournament. He went 11-for-20 at the plate with three runs, eight RBIs, five doubles and one home run. He threw a complete-game three-hitter in Edwardsville's 17-0 shellacking of Carmi for its second win of the tournament.

Dave Crouthers (.465) also put up some impressive numbers in Robinson. He was 8-for-17 at the plate as the leadoff batter with five runs, seven RBIs and three home runs (two coming in Saturday's title game against Mount Vernon).

"It would be nice to win both," Crouthers said, referring to a high school and Legion state title. "We're focused. Nobody's ever done it before, but I think we've got a good chance."

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think when we play our best, we can beat anyone."

Edwardsville was going to send Ben Hutton to the mound against Danville on Wednesday. Hutton hadn't been scored upon over his last 31 innings pitched. He was last scored upon in the fourth inning against Collinsville three starts ago. He's hurled two consecutive shutouts (2-0 against O'Fallon and 4-0 against Mount Vernon). He comes in with a 7-1 record with a 0.41 ERA in 51 innings pitched. He's allowed only three earned runs, 25 hits, six walks and 53 strikeouts.

Edwardsville will also have James Hutton (5-1, 3.02 ERA), Evers, Tim Hansel (4-0, 1.57 ERA), and Brad Grotefendt (5-0, 3.38 ERA) to pitch.

If Edwardsville won, it would play the Arlington Heights-Rock Island winner today at 2:30 p.m., while the loser of Edwardsville-Danville will face the Barrington-Highland winner Thursday at 7 p.m.

Hockey

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rie State Games, Yurkovich seems to have had his fill of butting heads.

"I'm not going to keep knocking at a door that keeps being shut in my face," he says. "I don't think it will do me any good."

Tri-City

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shadow. Dickerman blew past Crouch on the backstretch on lap six for the lead. Smith starting dead last in the field following his pit stop, shifted to warp speed and passed 15 cars to finish third behind Dickerman and Terry McClintock.

The qualifiers went to Crouch and Smith.

With his second-place finish Saturday, McClintock retains his points lead over Pat Ryan by 18 points. The Budweiser Pro Stocks were scheduled to race Wednesday. During the "Hicks Oils/Quaker State Classic 50" for the NASCAR Busch All-Star Series for Dirt Late Models, Dickerman's win puts him right in the thick of the chase, trailing Ryan by only 28 points.

"The Illinois Warriors won, and that's great. But our team should have been on top of the play."

"I just don't agree with the MVCHA trying to totally control hockey in the area, especially in the Prairie State Games."

Chris Simmerman won his seventh Mountain Dew Street Stock feature, topping Jim Burgess and B.J. Seets. The qualifiers went to Simmerman, Josh Carroll and Ed Lenhardt, while Bill Donaldson took the Semi.

Terry James won a rough-and-tumble Quaker State Sportsman main, his third of the year. Chasing James were Terry Greendick and Joe Dresch. The qualifiers went to James and Dean Vickers.

The brand-new Tri-City Charger division saw Bill Molkenbur win his second in a row Saturday, besting Don Williams and Ron McAnire. Dave Hearty won the qualifier.

Robert Gayton swept the Pepsi Legends Series, winning his qualifying heat and the main event. Chasing Gayton were Charlie Daniels and Mike Graybeal.

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Ramsey captures Gateway Rumble

Dennis Ramsey was the story at Gateway International Raceway this past weekend in the third annual Vortec Engineering Gateway Rumble. Ramsey eclipsed Doug Mangrum's previous top-speed record of 7.99 seconds during qualifying on Saturday, topping the Super Stallion Class with a 7.89.

On Sunday, Ramsey took his assault one step further, taking his '97 Mustang through the quarter mile in 7.89 seconds.

Ramsey, a Tampa (Fla.) native, went on to defeat defending Gateway Rumble champion Les Baer in the final. Ramsey ripped off a 7.98 at 176 miles per hour while Baer came in at 8.18 and 169 mph.

The Rumble Class was taken by Ken Moss of Lockport.

Mark Payne of Steelville, Mo., won the Open competition. In the Pro ET Class, won by Evan Nothdruff of O'Fallon, Granite City's Jason Phillips was a semifinalist in his '94 Mustang. ***

This Saturday and Sunday, Gateway International Raceway will host the Hot Rod Magazine Power Festival '98.

The 200-mph Comp Cams Pro Street machines of the National Muscle Car Association return as part of the event. NMCA and Hot Rod have joined forces this year.

AUTO RACING

and there will be one champion crowned in the Pro Street category.

More than \$150,000 in cash and contingency prizes will be on the line for the best Street and Nostalgia cars in the land competing in eight different categories, plus a full program of Pro and Super Pro bracket racing.

There will also be a Show-N-Shine competition, Swap Meet, Manufacturer's Midway, and People's Choice Awards given out during the show.

Gates open at 8 a.m. each day. Spectator admission is \$15 for adults, and \$5 for children 12-under.

The August action will finish with a two-wheeled bang on Aug. 29-30, as the International Drag Bike Association conducts its first All-Motorcycle Weekend Event at Gateway.

Gates open each day if the IDBA weekend at 8 a.m. with racing at 10 and eliminations starting Sunday at 1 p.m. Spectator admission is \$20 per day, \$35 for a two-day pass. Children ages 6-12 get in for just \$5.

For more information on the racing action at Gateway, call 485-2400.

AUTO RACING RESULTS

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Open Competition Finals
Mark Payne, Steelville, Mo. ('87 Mustang), 11.323 seconds, (10.39 dial-in), 128.71 mph, defeated Dave Flinders, Dorr, Mich. ('79 Mustang), 10.599 seconds (10.63 dial-in), 119.01 mph.

Rumble Finals
Ken Moss, Lockport, Ill. ('89 Mustang), 8.884 seconds, defeated Erican Clifford, St. John, Ind. ('90 Mustang), N/T.

Super Stallion Finals
Dennis Ramsey, Tampa, Fla. ('97 Mustang), 7.920 seconds, defeated Les Baer, Hilldale, Ill., 9.668 seconds.

Pro ET Finals
Evan Nothdruff, Florissant, Mo. ('98 Mustang), 11.882 seconds (11.82 dial-in), 105.89 mph, defeated Mike Davis, O'Fallon, Mo. ('86 Mustang), 13.726 seconds (13.74), 95.79 mph.

Super Pro Finals
Mike Teel, Hannibal, Mo. ('86 Falcon), 11.025 seconds (11.01 dial-in), 117.54 mph, defeated Kent Pascoe, Fenton, Mo. ('89 T-Bird), 8.865 seconds (8.85 dial-in), 151.99 mph.

SOCIETY

ANNIVERSARIES



Florian and Regina Kowalczyk now

Kowalczyk — 50 years

Florian and Regina Kowalczyk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 13, 1998. A reception was held at Engelbert Hall in Madison. Florian Kowalczyk and the former Regina Hamernik were married June 12, 1948, at St. Mary's Church in Madison by the Rev. Laurin Buzynski. He is employed by Union Electric (Ameren UE) where he has worked for 30 1/2 years. They are the parents of four children, Barbara Petrosky of Edwardsville, Diane Hocking of Decatur, Judy Boelling of O'Fallon, Mo., and Robert Kowalczyk of Granite City. They have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Loretta and Oliver Rains

Rains — 60 years

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rains of Jackson, Mo., celebrated their 60th anniversary July 20. Oliver and Loretta Rains were married July 20, 1938, in Jackson, Mo. Mr. Rains is retired from A.O. Smith Corp., where he worked for 25 years. Mrs. Rains is retired from K-Mart stores. They have five children, William, Robert, Jeff, Charlie Rains and Norma Free, all of Granite City; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

MCBA hosting sports camp



Maxine Green

The Madison County Baptist Association Sports Camp will be held from 8 a.m. through noon Aug. 10-14. This camp is for boys and girls who have completed first grade through sixth grade. Preregister by calling the Baptist Center office at 931-6222. The cost is \$10, and only the first 100 to register will be accepted. There will be guest speakers and free T-shirts.

The Home League Women from the Salvation Army met at Wilson Park Tuesday morning for a fellowship breakfast. Maxine Rutter arrived first and prepared the coffee. Capt. Harriett Colip was chief chef. She also prepared the serving tables. Dorothy Castleman asked the blessing on the food, which consisted of biscuits and gravy, eggs and bacon, juice and french toast.

Some of the grandchildren attended, and Jeff Hahn assisted Colip on the fryer. Rosie Griffith helped serve. Next meeting will be a quarterly party for those having birthdays during the last three months. Donations of cookies are requested for Vacation Bible School, which runs Aug. 10-14. Call 451-7957 for transportation.

The meeting of the Home

League Women of Salvation Army also met recently in the Salvation Army Chapel.

Each Tuesday is something of interest — be it a party, party, educational movie or monthly Bible study taught by Capt. Harriett Colip.

At a recent meeting, Vickie Alegre, who originates from the Philippines and returns every couple of years, narrated a movie of her last trip home.

The following women were present: Colip, Maxine Rutter, Velma Rice, Elsie Staggs, Ernestine Hahn, Darlene Robinson, Leisa Griffin, Elizabeth Griffin, Kim Griffin, Joshua Griffin, Cleo Slusher, Evelyn Miles, Hazel Meisenheimer, Geraldine Clay, Exie Meyenburg, Cecilia Wright, Marie Jaeger, Mildred Lovejoy, Mary Mize, Christine Loach, Luziel

Scott, Joyce Moran, Lorene Odum, Vera Lynn, Margie Szerinskie, Wilma Arnold, Evelyn Wimberly, Josephine Bodi, Gladys Freeman, Doris Stark, Dorothy Castleman and Gertha Bradley.

The Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church is hosting gospel singer Dana Clifton in concert at 7 p.m. on Aug. 16. The church also will be showing the Billy Graham film, "The Homecoming," at 7 p.m. on Aug. 23. The public is invited to attend.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens was held July 21. President Earl Edmiston called the meeting to order and accepted an American flag presented to the group by Barbara Henderson, district representative of the Modern Woodmen of America. Ruth Dagon, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Rose Edmiston gave the kitchen report, and Jim Hall gave the treasury report. All were approved. New business was to accept bid and replace fence and to discuss a trip on the Alton Belle.

Entertainment was by Everett Hudson, Carl Horstmeier, Pete Galenski, Charles Collins and Fuzzy Walker. A few days later, 34 members enjoyed the

boat trip and came home broke.

The pot luck dinner was held the last Saturday of the month. The rest of evening was spent playing bingo, with 30 members attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Edna) Bennett returned home Sunday from Dover, Tenn., where they visited her dad, Roy Whitehead, and Roy's wife, Alberta.

Ruth Dagon has returned home from Oliver Anderson Hospital in Maryville, where she underwent total knee surgery. She is recovering nicely.

Tom Green has received a "Bachelor of Liberal Studies," degree from Southern Illinois University.

Helping him celebrate the event at a family party were Kathy Green; Kim Mouldon and daughter, Hannah; Maxine Green; Lucille Martin; Robyn Campbell; Linda Watson and daughter, Hannah; Trish Grace; Becky Green; Kathy Green and daughters, Kerri and Courtney; Myrtle Moss; Charlie and ShaVon DeWeese; Neil Lynn; Delores Holton; and Mickey Sprague.

WEDDING



Deborah and Michael Long

Tillman — Long

Deborah Lynn Tillman and Michael Scott Long were married May 9, 1998, at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Collinsville with the Rev. Michael Walther officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Shirley Tillman and of Granite City. She graduated from Granite City High School South and is employed by Scott Air Force Base as a procurement technician.

The groom is the son of William and Anna Mozell Long of Glen Carbon. He graduated from Granite City High School North and is employed by Granite City Steel as an electrician apprentice.

Denna Swain attended her friend as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Michelle Tillman, Laura Gantt, Jennifer Lyons, Cindi Bailey, Barb Williams, and Cindy Derickson.

Paul Miller attended his friend as best man. Groomsmen were David Long, Darryl Location, Lee Gavlick, Joe Boneall, Bart Mercer, and James Bielefeld.

Samantha Stephens and Samantha Kerwin were flower girls, Mitchell Bailey was ring bearer, and ushers were Alan Schmidt and Joe Bowler.

Following a reception at AMVETS Hall in Madison, the couple honeymooned in Las Vegas.

Madison County Salon 53 meets

Madison County Salon 53, Eight and Forty, met on July 21, in the American Legion Home in New Douglas.

Hostesses were Geraldine Tjaden, Marjorie Rosenthal, Zerna Harmon, Irene Schneck and Judy Zimmerman, with 18 partners and 1 guest present. Rosemary Paeltz, granddaughter of Nancy Paeltz of Alton, was a guest.

Dorothy Hinson, departmental chapeau passe, from Madison gave The Obligation Partnership to one new partner, Beatrice Halford of Edwardsville.

Dorothy Sooy, children and youth chairman, reported collecting \$51 for the Mothers' Day Tea for Cystic Fibrosis. Irene Schneck, nurses scholar-

ship chairman, collected \$7.15 for for Camp Superkids.

The group discussed and finalized plans for the annual Card Party, to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 18 in the Highland American Legion Home. Zerna Harmon won the attendance prize.

Bingo was played and enjoyed by all.

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BIRTHS

Bradley Peppers

BRAD AND KATIE PEPPERS of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Bradley Edward Peppers was born June 16, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and joins Matt, age 8, and Marissa, age 2.

Ed and Vicki Jacobs of Granite City are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Kathy and Roger Bortz of Granite City, and Roger and Mary Peppers of St. Peters, Mo.

Morgan Hanks

JAMES AND MARILYN HANKS of Granite City have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Morgan Sax Hanks was born June 8, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and joins Jessica, age 8; Darren, age 6; and Travis, age 4.

Don and Shirley Wilkerson of Popular Bluff, Mo. are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are James and Barb Hanks of Granite City.

Michaela Blomgren

SCOTT AND TIFFANY BLOMGREN of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Michaela Waide Blomgren was born June 23, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and joins Bethany Leigh Estelle, age 4.

Maternal grandmother is Linda Wallace-Schopp of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Sheril Blomgren of Monroe, Mich.

Maternal great-grandparents are Harold and Gloria Vinton of Granite City.

Paternal great-grandparents are Robert and Louise Provines of Vandavia, and Marshall and Jean Blomgren of Rockford.

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NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

Bridge opening pushed back

MADISON — Construction delays have forced Trailnet Inc. to postpone the opening of the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

The group is renovating the bridge, leased from the city of Madison, into what they say will be the world's longest pedestrian and bicycle bridge.

The first phase of the project — basic repairs and safety features — was expected to be done by Sept. 26.

"We are going through the construction process with the Missouri Department of Transportation, and it's taking a little longer than we anticipated," said Karlene McAllister, project manager for the bridge.

Still awaiting completion are curb repairs, fencing and painting and cleaning rails.

Although the grand opening has been delayed, McAllister said Trailnet will be having a preview day at the bridge Sept. 26. The bridge will be open to the public, tentatively from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. that day.

Mining means big money

MADISON — A mining operation on land owned by the city of Madison is expected to bring the city a minimum of \$25,000 per year for the next 20 years.

The city has been considering the plan for approximately two years. The land, a 119-acre parcel known as the North Borrow property north of the landfill, was originally given to the city by Waste Management Inc.

City to start adjudication system

MADISON — Police and building and health inspectors from the City of Madison are expected to begin issuing tickets through an alternative adjudication system immediately.

Instead of going to court and paying the county, those cited for non-moving vehicle, building and zoning, health and fire safety violations in Madison will be handled entirely in the city.

The City Council recently approved the adjudication system —

with a sliding scale of fines ranging from \$50 to \$250, depending on what stage the case is settled.

The council also has been revamping numerous ordinances to come into line with the new system.

Wreck victim trapped for hours

SOUTH ROXANA — A Granite City woman crashed into woods July 29 along Illinois 111 and spent more than five hours upside down in her car before being rescued with minor injuries.

Police said all four tires on Donna Tomlinson's 1998 Chevrolet Corsica were flat and she was tangled in her seat belt when they found her at 6:15 a.m. She said she crashed at about 12:30 a.m.

"The victim had been there for an extended period of time and did not know her exact location," said South Roxana Police Chief Dennis Carpenter.

Tomlinson, 31, said she was disoriented and could not find her cellular phone at first. She finally found it in the light of dawn and called her sister, who dialed 911 and gave police Tomlinson's number.

AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

East St. Louis

Group protests hotel plan

An East St. Louis citizens' group held a protest rally Friday at the site of a proposed hotel that it claims will attract prostitutes and drug dealers.

The Sasak Corp. plans to open a hotel at the former Southern Illinois Bank building at 10th Street and Martin Luther King Drive. In April, business owners announced their opposition to what they suspect will be an hourly hotel.

About two dozen protesters carried signs and marched up and down the street for about an hour, shouting, "Hey hey, ho ho, this hotel has got to go."

James Warfield, president of the East St. Louis chapter of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now/Concerned Citizens Promoting Positive Change, said the protest was also aimed at A & S Market, which is next to the proposed hotel and across the street from the East St. Louis Board of Education building. Opponents claim A & S is violating a city ordinance regulating the distance between schools and businesses with liquor licenses.

So far, the developer has a permit to renovate the building, but the City Council has tabled the business license. Company representatives have said the hotel will charge daily rates and will be similar to the hotel they opened last summer on State Street just east of Interstate 255.

Mayor Gordon Bush has said he would support stopping the project if residents are willing to accept the legal cost to the city, estimated to be about \$185,000.

Dupo

Board selects principal

The Dupo Board of Education unanimously approved a new principal for East Carondelet and Hough Schools during the monthly school board meeting.

The board hired Pamela Manning of O'Fallon to replace Carl Buehler, who is now the principal of Dupo Grade School.

School Board President Georgia Horn described Manning as a "very positive person."

Manning has worked throughout the United States and at local districts in High Mount, Mascoutah and O'Fallon with special education students, including autistic and deaf children, from kindergarten through high school.

This is Manning's first job as an administrator, Horn said.

Belleville

Incentive kicks in for businesses

In an effort to attract new business, Mike Malloy, director of economic development and planning, proposed paying money to people to start a new business in Belleville.

Ward 1 Alderman Jerry Dinges, who was initially against the idea, but ended up voting for it said, "It's being used as a tool to invest in Belleville."

Malloy said the financial incentive will be dispersed over a two-year period and is directly tied to the creation of new jobs.

Some of the criteria which must be met include:

Being a "for profit" business in good financial standing and recognized by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Existing businesses that are expanding and new businesses must invest a minimum of \$20,000 through improvements such as property acquisition, site development, new construction, equipment, etc.

The business must create or retain at least three permanent full-time equivalent jobs within 24 months of completion.

Must be located in an area suitably zoned for the proposed use.

The project must increase the assessed valuation of the property by an additional 10 percent of the current assessed valuation.

Columbia

Tainted disks still investigated

The case of apparently virus-tainted floppy disks mailed from Columbia is still under joint investigation by the St. Louis Postal Inspection Service and the Columbia Police Department, St. Louis Postal Inspector Lee Harrison said July 30.

Both organizations are seeking the source of 50 three-and-a-half-inch floppy disks apparently mailed July 21 from Columbia.

The disks are labeled "Windows 98 Sneak Preview" and were mailed in brown envelopes with computer-generated labels with no return address, according to Columbia Police Chief Gene Henckler.

One resident told police the disk deleted the resident's start-up program when it computer's was inserted into his computer.

An offer on the disk was identified as coming from a business website, but when contacted representatives of the website denied knowledge of the offer.

This fact caused police to believe that the disks were intentionally designed to injure the computers, said Columbia Police Department Public Information Officer John Conrad.

The postal inspector said an illegal activity such as this one was new to the St. Louis postal area.

Police add ATV to arsenal

A recent purchase by the Columbia Police Department will allow officers to have a closer relationship with the residents they are pledged to protect, Columbia Police Chief Gene Henckler said.

The department's new acquisition, a shiny black and tan all-terrain vehicle, will allow police to ride on park grounds while patrolling, thus allowing them to visit with children and families, Henckler said.

The little vehicle will be used "primarily in the parks and for patrolling in areas where we want to get off the road a little way and for rough terrain like the abandoned railroad right-of-way," Henckler said.

Use of the ATV is one of the first parts of the Columbia department's developing Community Policing Program, a new idea being carried out throughout the United States, Henckler said. Other parts possible in the future are Operation Safe Streets and the Block House Program.

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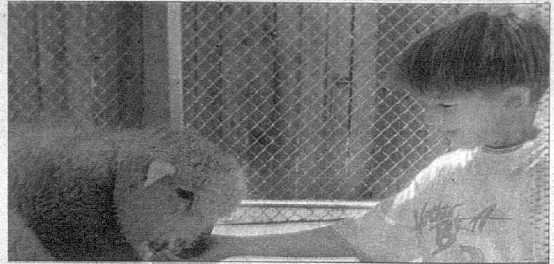
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Down on the farm at Tri-Township Park



Tyler Jackson, 9, of Collinsville feeds a llama.

Pocahontas and John Smith, as well as Dizzy, Dean and the gang, will be hanging out this summer at Troy's Tri-Township Park, and they're looking for visitors.

The park now has a petting zoo featuring lambs, guineas, calves, emus, deer, chickens and a turkey.

"We decided to do something for the kids that would be fun and educational," Park Director Tim Greenfield said. "A lot of kids these days don't get to see farm animals."

Not only the children learn from the animals, he said. "A lot of parents enjoy seeing the animals," Greenfield said. "And we get every question under the sun about the different animals."

Starting out with lambs and goats, Greenfield gradually added different animals as he found them, or in some cases, as they found him.

"We had some people south of town ask us if we wanted a turkey, and that's how we got our turkey, Terry," he said. "The chicken, Dizzy, escaped at the Hardee's parking lot. They're not sure how or from where."

The emus, Pocahontas and John Smith, were sent from Oklahoma. They replaced two emus that didn't survive after Greenfield brought them back as eggs. The guineas and deer came from a Missouri breeding farm that raises animals for Grant's Farm, located in St. Louis County.

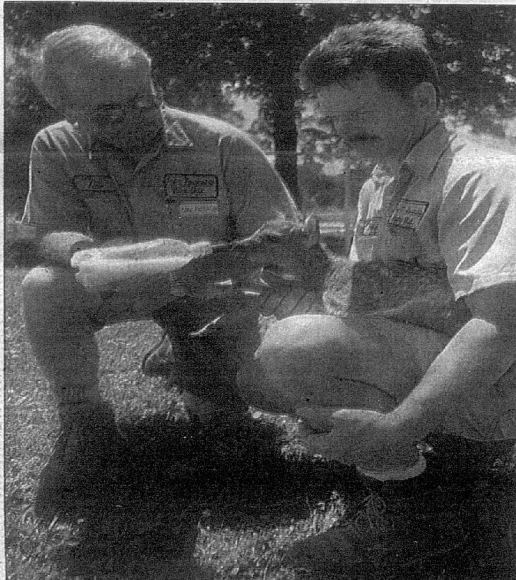
"They have zebras and wallabies at the breeding farm, and I would like to have wallabies," he said. "But they're expensive, around \$600 apiece."

Greenfield said the petting zoo has become a popular attraction, drawing between 100 and 200 people daily.

"We have people in the community who want to volunteer. So next year, we plan to extend our hours."

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the petting zoo is open for a few hours starting at 8 a.m.

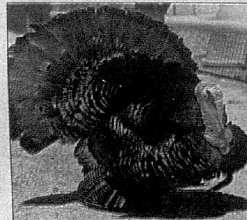
But the pens are arranged so people can come out and see the animals even after hours," he said. "But if they want to get inside the pens and pet the animals, then they have to come while we're open."



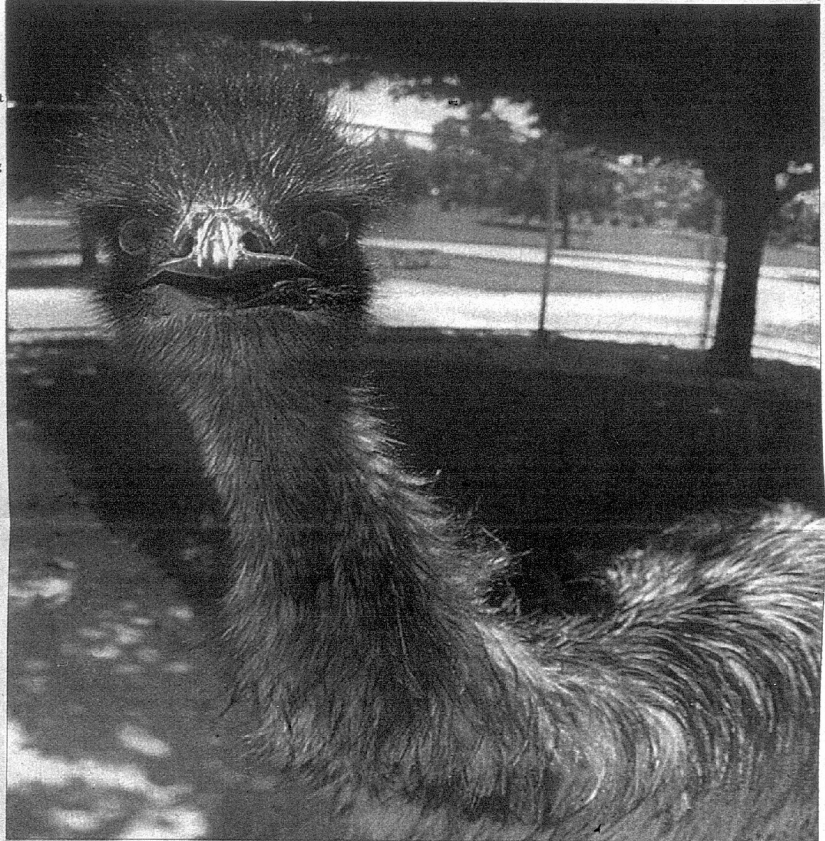
Tri-Township Park Director Tim Greenfield, left, and employee Craig Harris feed a baby deer.



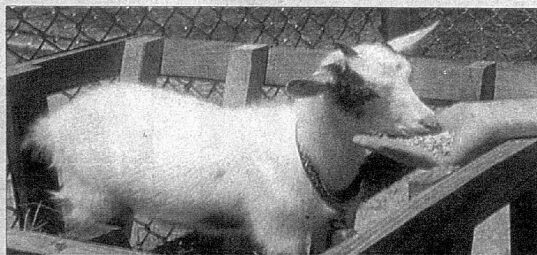
Casey Adamick, 6, of Marine holds Dizzy the chicken.



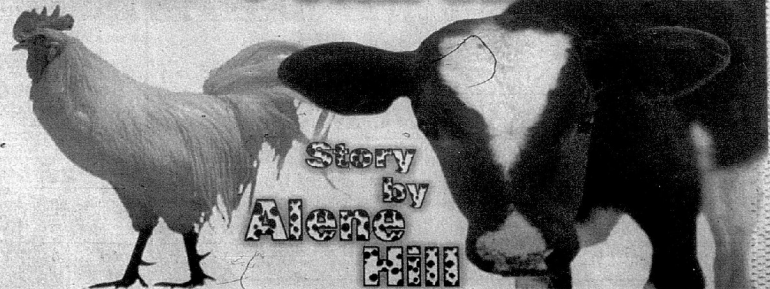
Above, Terry the turkey poses for his fans. Below, two guineas, Mickey and Minnie, parade before a crowd.



Above, a 14-month-old emu, John Smith, does his impression of boxing promoter Don King. At left, one of the zoo's three pygmy goats is fed by Derek Jackson, 14, of Collinsville.



Photos by John Swistak Jr.



Story by
Alene Hill



SHIRLEY VALENCIA /For the Press-Record
Residents from Granite City participated in National Night Out on Tuesday. The event was a nationwide effort in more than 9,200 communities. At top, Richard Woods shows David Jackson a Granite City fire truck; Above, Caitlyn MacKenzie cover her ears from the fire truck's sirens as her mother, Teresa, calms her. At left, Piere Williams plays a game offered at the event. The theme was "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party."

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